

We are Countess Free Church ...

- What is the point of a football team / cricket team / running club / beavers / cubs / scouts ?
- And what is the point of Countess Free Church?
(Why does it exist?)
- Is the point of Countess Free Church bigger than just a club?

See 1 Corinthians 1:2 for a sense of calling

Do we always agree ...

- Does being part of Countess Free Church mean that we have to always agree on **absolutely everything**?
- Do we always get on with everybody all the time, or can we be honest about our differences?
- What holds us together?
- Are there some **core things** that the members agree on?

See 1 Corinthians 2:1 – 5 for a 'core thing' approach

Yellow / Red Card

In sports (e.g. football) if a player commits a bad foul, they are shown a yellow or red card ...

- Is there ever a time in the church family when we might need to show someone a yellow or red card?
- If so, what sort of things might lead to such action?
- How should this be done in the church?

See Matthew 18:15 – 17 for some principles Jesus set out

Individuals or Team

- Which is better in a sports team?
A team of individual superstars OR
Individuals who bring their talents together to make a team
- What is being part of Countess Free Church all about?
You and your walk with Jesus OR
Your walk with Jesus *together* with others in the church

See 1 Corinthians 1:10 – 17 for thoughts on unity versus
superstars

Roles / Positions ...

- In a sports team does every player always have the same role, or are people in different positions for a reason?
- Can you think of different roles in the life of Countess Free Church?
- Are some roles more important /
Can we honour every person and their role?

See 1 Corinthians 3:5 – 9 for thoughts on
working together on a task bigger than ourselves

Dream Team ...

- Think of different people in Countess Free Church: what are they good at, or what good things do they bring?
- What good things do you bring – how do they fit together with others?
- What would your 'Dream Team' as a church look like?

See 1 Corinthians 16:10 -18 for an example of different people serving Jesus together in different ways