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Discipleship Phrase: God's church, God's way.

Big Idea for Series: God's church is built on His principles.

Abiding *(grow as a disciple yourself)*

Consider the great lengths that our Heavenly Father has gone through to express a unique desire that He has for His children to be unified. God's love drives the story, not our sin and for that reason He repeatedly expresses this desire through His word and deeds. Gal. 3:28 says, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." We gentiles (non-Jewish) are only included into the family of God because of His great love that cries out for unity. Col. 3:14 says, "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." Go to God seeking where your own heart might be misaligned with this type of love.

Leading *(facilitate your group effectively)*

This week's sermon highlights the importance of the unity in the church. As a follower of Christ, unity should be a priority over our own self-driven desires, opinions, and agendas. Question 3 is asking us to look inwardly to where our hearts work against being "together". God is looking to build His kingdom where everyone values relational unity under Him. Ask follow-up questions that help members to identify their own thoughts and actions that create division and separateness within the body. This discussion may be difficult since it asks us to be vulnerable sharing when we are not loving well and not representing Christ well. As you move into Question 4, lead the group through what could be possible in your group and within the body when you are united in God's word and His will/way this year. What would it look like loving one another well and extending grace freely?

Shepherding *(know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)*

Learning about and living in unity is critically important to God's heart. Knowing what unity looked like in the early church and trying to replicate it in ways that are meaningful and applicable to your life holds value to this day. As your group shares how they may be misaligned, make note, and ask if you can partner with them in the coming season, taking steps to living more unified. Be sure to follow up with each member to remind them you are there for support through the alignment pieces you identified at your meeting.

Church Announcements *(be in the know & share with your group)*

Men's breakfast- February 19, 2022 7:30 AM-9 AM. Click [here](#) to register.

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."

LifeGroups at Southeast



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Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (*choose what fits best*)

Weekly Vision (*Announcements, The “Why”, Goal, Outreach, Guidelines, & Branching*)

Guidelines: Confidentiality, Avoid Crosstalk, Avoid fixing & Rescuing, Use “I” Statements, Contribute over Consume, Be Mindful of Self (allow all to share & use humor responsibly).

Ask a Hook Question (*a thought-provoking question*) Share a time when not being on the same page with others resulted in something comical.

Recap the Message (*ask a couple people to share*)

Scripture References (*Read scriptures directly from the Bible*)

Acts 4:32-37 (ESV), **John 17:6-21** (ESV), **John 13:33-35** (ESV), **2 Corinthians 8:1-15** (ESV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. The church must be a place where we pull for the good in others rather than trying to show people where they are wrong.
2. Generosity is a foundation stone in God’s Kingdom; we don’t get to define generosity, God does.
3. We must be people who see the potential in others and refuse to allow them to settle for less.
4. If the church is going to recover from decline, there must be a reinstatement of God’s Word and God’s Will, God’s Way.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. Read Acts 4:34-37 out loud. How does this speak to unity? What was the results of having that kind of unity?
2. Read John 17:20-21 out loud. Who is Jesus praying for here and how does His prayer to God, speak to unity?
3. It’s important to be unified. In what ways might you be misaligned with the unity that Jesus prayed for us to have?
4. How could this group help one another to be aligned with God’s word and will this season?

Prayer Requests (*Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer*)

