

2020 Community Groups

WEEKLY GUIDE

October 11th

Karl Romeus taught a message this week that reminded us that “Our Impact is in our Sacrifice.” This message was about the importance of having unity within the Body of Christ. Unity having one mind and one heart which is best exemplified in the Trinity. We are reminded in Philippians 2:1-2 "Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind"

Community Prayer:

Eternal God, we don't know what the future holds, but we know that you hold our future in your hands. We thank you for allowing us to gather once again in your name to read, study, and most of all apply your principles to our lives. We live in a season that is very confusing and unpredictable, but our faith remains strong in You. Help us to embrace unity as we seek to be a blessing to each other and the communities in which we live; in Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

1. Describe what unity means to you; in your family and in the Church.
2. Think about those times when it just “feels” right. What was going on that made it feel that way?

EXPLORATION

Read the passages below...what can you learn about what it means to follow Jesus from these passages? (Have someone read from their bible)

John 17: 22-23

3. How does Jesus' prayer contribute to your understanding of unity in the church?
4. What barriers are currently preventing you from experiencing a greater level of unity with other members of the church?
5. How does unity within the church help non-believers be drawn to a relationship with Jesus?



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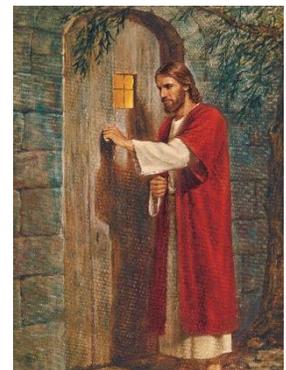
6. When you look around today, can you see unity in the church or are we in a state of disunity? What is your contribution to creating unity?

1 John 4: 7-8

7. Why is it of paramount importance that love be the foundation of the Church?
8. How can you show the love of God to unsaved family members and friends?
9. Share your feelings about this verse “God is Love”?
 - a. How does it impact your relationships with others?
 - b. How does it help in loving a person that seems to be unlovable?
 - c. What has God done in your life to prove this is true?

Revelation 3: 20

10. Explain how this verse can be used to let non-believers know that Jesus wants to have a personal relationship with them?
 - a. What are the two things Jesus promises to do?
 - b. What is the **one** thing the nonbeliever is invited to do?



11. What is the real meaning of this invitation?
Have you accepted it?

- a. Let your group know and they would be happy to walk you through the most transformational decision of your life... or TEXT IBELIEVE TO 94000 and a pastor will reach out to you and talk about that Invitation.

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THE TAKEAWAY

- Preference produces irritation, and irritation kills joy.
- Platforms produces inequality, and inequality kills justice.
- Perfection produces insecurity, and insecurity kills peace.

“Should loyalty to man demand your disloyalty to Christ, shore up the courage to let them call you a traitor.” - Beth Moore

“Empathy is when someone else’s pain lives in me.” - Dave Stone

PRAYER REQUESTS
