

RECAP

As you reflect on this past week, did you recognize any moments that seemed “God planned” for you to step out into? If so, what were those?

Did you notice yourself working FOR God’s favor or FROM God’s favor?

IDEA 1

Our unity is to be the brightest lighthouse on the coast, the signature dish on the menu, the most captivating dress in the window.

The unity of the church should be our best marketing tool!

Imagine if the US church got this - that the biggest attractational attribute we have to offer our world is our unity! If our church growth strategy was unity in diversity through Christ. To bring together differences under Jesus.

What is your initial response to these statements on unity?

Why do you think that our unity as a church is such a powerful testimony to the world around us?

Where do you see unity being expressed around this place? In your Life Group?

IDEA 2

Rob highlighted two gifts that we as the Church, the new unified community of Christ, have received:

1. Jews and Gentiles both share equally in the riches inherited by God’s children
2. Jew and Gentiles both receive the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit

IDEA 2

What riches have you experienced recently as a child of God?

In what ways has the Holy Spirit been a gift to you?

How do these gifts empower us to fight for unity? To bless the world around us?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Group Devotional Reading

As you finish your discussion on the sermon, **take some time to read Ephesians 3:6-11 out loud**. As someone slowly reads it, have each member listen for a word or phrase that God highlights for them. Consider having one or two people share what God is highlighting. Then, spend a few minutes in prayerful thanksgiving. If you would like to engage with this passage in a deeper way throughout the week, you could use the Weekly Audio Reflection on our website.

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PRACTICE FOR THIS WEEK

We are each these mini-temples filled with the Spirit of God - and we are invited to bring his Peace, Presence and Power everywhere we go. In this - we demonstrate and bring unity. Be that billboard.

How is Holy Spirit prompting you to be a billboard of unity this week?

What situations this week do you anticipate will provide you with an invitation to listen deeply, love well and wisely negotiate differences?

(Bonus question: Taylor Swift or Travis Kelce?)