

United by Love in God's Family Spirit Empowered Church – Part 2

Life Church St. Louis – February 25, 2024

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

1 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV) For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Colossians 3:14 (ESV) And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Ephesians 2:19 (ESV) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Core Value: Authentic Relationships

Sharing Jesus' life sacrificially within God's family through small groups.

1. Building Authentic _____

John 13:34-35 (ESV) A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Galatians 6:2 (ESV) Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Core Value: Welcoming Church

A culture that helps all feel valued and connect people quickly into our church.

2. Growing as a _____ Church

1 Peter 4:9-10 (ESV) Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Romans 15:7 (ESV) Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

3. Loving the _____ of God

Ephesians 4:2-3 (ESV) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

1 John 4:7-8 (ESV) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

United by Love in God's Family Study Guide
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- 1A. What does 1 Corinthians 12:12 tell us about the importance of every person in the church family?
- 1B. In what ways does love hold a church family together (Colossians 3:14)?
- 1C. How does God move a person from being a stranger to a member of God's family (Ephesians 2:19)?
- 1D. How do you think that you could grow in being more connected to the rest of our church family?
- 2A. How is Jesus our example of loving one another (John 13:34)?
- 2B. What will be the effect on outsiders of a church family loving one another (John 13:35)?
- 2C. How is bearing one another's burdens part of obeying Jesus' command to love one another (Galatians 6:2)?
- 2D. Why are small groups essential in carrying out Jesus' command to love one another?
- 2E. How could you get involved in a small group or help others become involved in a small group in our church?
- 3A. Explain how 1 Peter 4:9-10 can help us to grow as a welcoming church.
- 3B. In what ways does Jesus' welcome of us as His children serve as an example of how we should welcome guests (Romans 15:7)?
- 3C. How can our current friends get in the way of being a welcoming church?
- 3D. How can you grow in welcoming guests into our church family.?
- 4A. How does "bearing with one another in love" help maintain unity in the church family (Ephesians 4:2-3)?
- 4B. What does 1 John 4:7-8 tell us about those who do not love one another?
- 4C. How can you grow in building relationships with others in the church family?