

DISCUSSION GUIDE

CAN WE ALL GET ALONG?
I Love Jesus But I Don't Like Church — Week 3

ICEBREAKER: What is something that always brings a smile to your face?

OVERVIEW: The big idea in this sermon series is that if you want God to be a priority in your life, then church needs to be a priority in your life. But without unity, the church will not be able to fulfill its mission and accomplish all the good that it is intended to do. In this discussion we will focus on how to pursue and protect the unity of our church.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Why is it important to study how to pursue and protect the unity of the church?
3. Read Ephesians 4:3. Keeping the unity of the church is a command. Have you been making every effort to keep this command? Explain.
4. What would it look like to make every effort to keep the unity of the church?
5. How is Ephesians 4:3 not only a command to keep the unity of the church, but to be involved in church?
6. The sermon warned that threatening the unity of the church is dangerous. How so? (See Titus 3:10-11; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17.)
7. What does the command to keep the unity of the church imply about accomplishing the Great Commission – making disciples of all nations?
8. The sermon made the point that maintaining unity is not easy, and that is one reason the Bible commands us to make every effort to keep the unity. Why is unity so hard to achieve?
9. Read Philippians 1:27. What is the definition of unity in the church?
10. Read Proverbs 13:10. How can pride destroy unity in the church?
11. Read Proverbs 15:18. How do hot-tempered people destroy unity?
12. Read Proverbs 16:28. What is gossip, and how does gossip destroy unity? How should you handle it if you have a problem with another member of the church?
13. Proverbs 26:21. How does quarreling destroy unity? How can you avoid being a quarrelsome person?
14. Read Colossians 3:14. What is love, and how does it protect unity?

The Last Word: When it comes to the Christian life, God wants us to be like lions rather than tigers. He wants us to live on mission together, not off by ourselves.