



PART 2: ONE HEART, ONE MISSION

In a world filled with division, our unified support of the church allows us to work together as one body, sharing the love and message of Christ with those who need it most.

I. Check-In

- Check in. How is everyone doing? How were you a light last week?

II. Scriptures

I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **-John 17:23**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. **-Acts 4:32-33**

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. **-Matthew 5:14-16**

Did You Know?

Howard Thurman (1899–1981), an African American theologian and pastor, emphasized the importance of love and unity in overcoming division. He once wrote, “The movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of men often calls them to act against the spirit of their times or causes them to anticipate a spirit which is yet in the making.” His words remind us that unity in Christ requires courage and commitment to living differently in a divided world.

V. Prayer Requests

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

IV. Challenge

Look over the Discipleship Covenant and pray over your community commitments. If you're reading to turn it in, do so this week.

III. Discussion Questions

- **Unity in Diversity:** The sermon mentioned that the early church was comprised of people from diverse backgrounds. What do you think helped them overcome their differences to become “one heart and soul”? How can we practice this kind of unity today?
- **The Discipleship Covenant:** The sermon highlighted the commitments of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Which of these commitments feels strongest in your life right now? Which one could you focus on more intentionally to strengthen your faith and unity with others?
- **Living Out Commitment:** What are some practical ways we can live out our faith commitments beyond Sunday mornings? How can our group support each other in following through on these promises?



Discipleship Covenant

Ready to make your community commitment? Fill out an online Discipleship Covenant here or fill out a paper one at Large Group on 12/1!