



# YOU BELONG HERE

## LifeGroup Discussion Guide

### Week 1 - I will protect the unity of my church

#### How to use This Guide:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the discussion questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

#### Discussion Questions:

- How is joining a country club different from joining a church?
- The word membership is a biblical term, because we are members of a body. Explain how church membership is a biblical concept, using 1 Corinthians 1:12
- How are the different parts of the body (ear, nose, mouth, hand, foot, eyes, etc) related to church membership? How do the parts play out here at Cornerstone?
- Do you think it is important to know your Spiritual Gifts? Does knowing your gifts help you to find your place in the body?
- What did Paul mean when he said in Colossians 3:14 that love is the perfect bond of unity? What does that mean for the local church today?
- What is the best path to take if someone brings gossip to you in your church? What does the Bible say about gossip?
- How is forgiveness related to unity in the local church? What does the Bible say about forgiving one another?
- Look at Matthew 6:14-15. Relate those words to being a church member. What does it mean if one church member does not forgive another?
- Read all of 1 Corinthians 13. Paul wrote the “love chapter” to the church at Corinth where problems with unity were pervasive. What does this chapter mean for church members today? Explain as you through each verse.
- **What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?**
- **What did God say to you today through His Word? And what are you going to do about it!**

#### Next Steps

Read through the membership and elder responsibilities included in the bulletin today. During the fourth week of this series, you will have the opportunity to become a member at Cornerstone. We invite you to become part of our family here at Cornerstone. You can find a place to belong, and a place to use your gifts. Together, we want to grow as disciples. As we experience new life in Christ, we learn how to be equipped to follow Christ, and we engage our community and world for Christ. You can belong here.

### Experience - Equip - Engage

#### I will protect the unity of my church.

- ... by acting in love toward other members
- ... by refusing to gossip
- ... by living my life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- ... By submitting myself to the leadership of the church