



## MARCH 12

# CHRIST, CULTURE & THE CROSS

## DIVERSE, UNIFIED, AND UNLEASHED



### GETTING STARTED

This weekend we continued in our series, *Christ, Culture & the Cross*, and looked at how God has designed the body of Christ to have both unity and diversity. We also learned that the Holy Spirit is essential for empowering us to walk together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

As you begin this study, take a moment and meditate on 1 Corinthians 1:10. Let the scripture go deep into your soul. Ask God to accomplish His word in you.

*I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 1 Corinthians 1:10*



### STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1) As you look back on the message this weekend, what is one thing Dre shared that encouraged or challenged you?
- 2) Read through 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 slowly. Paul uses a powerful metaphor of “the body” to describe the diversity and unity of the Church.
  - a. The body of Christ is amazing! How have you seen the diversity of gifts in the people in your Life Group work together in unity over the course of this Life Group session?
  - b. In a world where fairness is highly valued, often we can have a skewed view of fairness when we see that someone else received something that we didn't. Paul teaches in verse 18 that God has placed the parts in the body, just as He wanted them to be, for the benefit of everyone. How does this challenge a skewed view of fairness and also encourage us to embrace with contentment the gifts God has given us?
  - c. As a Christ-follower, have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit bringing unity to a situation that previously was not unified (eg—friendships, business relationships, family relationships)? Explain.
- 3) This weekend, Dre shared 3 key steps towards becoming the Church. We learned that following the Spirit's leadership requires:
  - *Supernatural*
  - *Maturity*
  - *Hope*

- a. Summarize each one in your own words.
- b. Which of the 3 key thoughts would you like to see more personal growth in? How so?
- c. Dre gave us some “postures” to help us in our one-on-one time with Jesus: *rejoice*, *repent*, and *listen*. Which of these postures would you like to experience more of in your one-on-one time with Jesus this week?
- d. Take a few moments and ask God to help you implement this in your time with Him this week.

4) As humans, we want unity in our families because it leads to prosperity. Unity is also a big deal to God. What do you see about God’s heart for unity in His family in the following verses?

- John 17:20-23
- Philippians 2:1-4

5) When it comes to unity, it’s something we must fight for and work towards as believers. In Acts, we see that Paul and Barnabas had a sharp disagreement while working closely together as missionaries.

- a. Read the story of their disagreement in Acts 15:36-41. What caused their disagreement?
- b. We see an interesting comment in another of Paul’s writings in 2 Timothy 4:11. In this verse, Paul asks Timothy to bring someone with him. Who does he ask Timothy to bring? Why does he ask Timothy to bring him?
- c. This is the same person that Paul and Barnabas had such a strong disagreement over that they parted ways in Acts 15. What must have transpired between the two men for Paul to ask that John Mark to be brought to him?
- d. Is there someone in your life with whom you’ve had a strong disagreement and need to be reconciled to?

6) Dre shared a powerful prayer this weekend: “*Jesus help me to see people as you see them.*” Pray and ask the Lord for supernatural ability to live this out in your life. Is this an easy or difficult prayer to pray? How so?