## Small-Group Notes

Unity | Week 3 The Devil of Division

The Devil is all about division, especially in the church. One of his main goals is to rip apart the church. How does he do this? Through lies. He wants us to believe "our truth" and hold our opinions and preferences above everything else. Reality is there is no such things as "your truth." Truth is objective and therefore lives outside of you. Truth is God's view on any subject. Truth unifies and frees while lies divide and enslave.

# **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

- For those of you fasting from social media, how is it going?
- Why do you think we are so prone to allowing issues to divide us?

### **SERMON NOTES REVIEW**

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

### WATCH THE VIDEO

(Watch small group video here)

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

- 1. Who is someone you've seen overcome an offense, and through it, you saw the way of Jesus?
- 2. Read **Ephesians 6:10-12**. What does it mean to "be strong in the Lord?"
- 3. What are the ways you are experiencing division and conflict in your life? In what ways might you attribute those things to being the "devil's schemes?"
- 4. Chad said if the devil can distract and divide the Church, it will lose its power and testimony in the world. In what ways have you seen that play out in our culture?
- 5. Read **Ephesians 4:2**. What does it mean "to bear with one another in love?" Why is it coupled with "be patient?"
- 6. Are there any offenses in your past that you are still holding? What steps can you take to find freedom from them?

### PRAYER

Take time to pray for each other in your group.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

This week, it is the first Wednesday night of the month. MDWK Prayer and Worship is back this Wednesday, 10/7 at 7:00 pm @ <u>http://live.sv.cc</u>