Small Group Discussion Guide

VOL 4: Part 32: United in Hope: Living to Please Others

BIG Idea: We build true unity when truth grounds us and love moves us.

Application: Let your love be more than agreement—carry one another's burdens, follow Christ's example of humility, root yourself in Scripture, and let the Holy Spirit make you one in both heart and voice.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: When have you seen teamwork or unity make something possible that one person alone couldn't do?

- 1. Read Romans 15:1–2. What does it mean to "bear with the failings of the weak"? How can you do this without becoming resentful?
- 2. Why is "pleasing our neighbor for their good" different from simply agreeing with them?
- 3. Read Philippians 2:5-8. What specific attitudes of Christ do we need to imitate to preserve unity in the Church?
- 4. How does Scripture bring endurance and encouragement in seasons of division or difficulty (Romans 15:4)?
- 5. Paul calls the Church to have *one mind and one voice*. What would that look like in our worship, witness, and everyday relationships?
- 6. Why is "accepting one another" deeper than just tolerating each other? How can we practically live this out?
- 7. Discuss the balance between truth and love. How can we stand for truth without losing compassion?
- 8. What role does the Holy Spirit play in producing real unity and hope among believers?
- 9. Where might God be calling you personally to carry someone else's burden this week?
- 10. How does unity within the Church strengthen its mission to the world (John 17:20-23)?

Prayer Prompt: Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill your group with the same endurance, encouragement, and hope Paul describes—so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify God together.

Join us as we read the Bible together in 2025. https://bit.ly/ReadwithMe25