# **COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE**

# IDENTITY IN CHRIST - UNITY without UNIFORMITY - 7/21/2024

# COMMUNION

- At some point during your gathering, take communion together.
- Share a Scripture about our identify in Christ or use 1 Corinthians 12:4–7
- · spend a moment in silence to experience the presence of Christ

### **REVIEW**

- Your identity is your starting point from which you live your life. It is not about you becoming someone new, but you becoming like who you really are in Christ.
- Paul prays that each believer would have more of Jesus in their hearts so that the whole community can experience more of the love of God
- According to Paul, our knowledge and experience of God's love reaches depths that we could not have imagined or experienced outside of God's family
- The love and unity within the church is a demonstration of God's wisdom to the powers.
- The number one threat against the church is division
- However, unity is not about uniformity. Each individual is a unique expression of Jesus and a unique gift to the church community.
- We need to embrace two ideas: our value and worth are gifts given to us from God and it is a gift that we have not earned nor deserve

## DISCUSSION

1. How did your time with the Lord go this week?

Read: Ephesians 4:1–13

- 2. What stood out to you from this week's teachings?
- 3. Why is unity so important in the church? What does it look like?
- 4. What are some of the things Paul says we have to do to preserve unity (Hint: v2)? How do each of those help keep unity in the church?
- 5. Take a moment for your group to speak to each individual about specific ways that you see that individual as a gift to the community

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

QUESTIONS? Submit a question here or email weston@rolcf.net