



WEEKLY REFLECTION & CHALLENGE SHEET

“Unity” | January 24, 2021

ICE BREAKER:

We can probably all think of examples of things that divide people. What are some things that bring people together?

Share together:

In what ways do you find it personally challenging to “one another” others the way God calls us to?

Reflect: Why is it important to recognize the “one another” commands of Scripture are given to followers of Jesus rather than as a standard for all the world?

Read Together: John 17:20-23

What does it mean to you to be one with others the way Jesus and the Father are one?
Why does Jesus desire this for us?

Read Together: 2 Corinthians 5:14-16

What sort of things influence how we see and evaluate others?
How does Scripture call us to a different standard?

Read Together: Colossians 3:1-17

Based on this passage, what truth now defines the life of a believer? (see verses 1-4)
Consider the characteristics listed in verses 12-17 of how members of God's community are to relate to one another. What practical steps do you need to take for these be true in your life with those you're in closest community with?

This week's challenge: Take some time to consider how you view and treat someone you find it difficult to be united with. How can the truth of your shared need for God's grace reshape your perspective? Ask God what He might have you do to embrace any differences and move toward greater unity with that person.