

### Disciples Understand the Cross

The Gospel – Jesus’ death and resurrection (vss. 30-32)

What happens when the water flows the wrong direction?

### Disciples Place Themselves Last

The teaching of Jesus (vss. 33-35)

An object lesson (vss. 36-37)

The Gospel

*Jesus made himself last for us, so we will make ourselves last for others.*

### Disciples Prioritize Unity

Beginning, middle, and end

Why is unity so important, anyway?

How we do this at Hope

The Gospel

*Our access to God is all on the same basis, so we view each other with equal honor and love.*

## Disciples Put Off Sin

For the sake of others (vs. 42)

*Your example*

*Your words*

“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.” – 1 Tim. 4:16

For the sake of yourself (vss. 43-48)

The Gospel

*Jesus died to forgive our sins, how then can we continue to live in them?*

## Conclusion: A Life of Sacrifice

Salted with fire (vss. 49-50)

The Gospel

*Jesus sacrificed himself for me, so I will sacrifice myself for him.*

## Questions for Personal Study

1. How do you place yourself last? Why is this hard?
2. Why is unity with other believers so important?
3. What is an area you need to put off sin?
4. How does Jesus model the sacrifice that we need to make? How does he help us succeed?