

Sermon Guide



“Love One Another”

June 25, 2023

”By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”

1 John 3:11-24

- 1. Greg said, “you are all brothers and sisters... You are family.”** Have you had experiences of “family” as you have walked in community with others? Share any stories and ways you have experienced this reality.
- 2. The work of unity is opposed. Opposition comes in some common forms: 1) personal sin, 2) corporate sin, 3) Christians agreeing with and abiding by the systems and philosophies of this world, 4) the opposition spiritual forces, and 5) Christians operating from wounds).** In what ways do you see opposition to this idea of “family” within the church?
Note: Make sure to avoid any gossip or slander as you share what opposes the new family, since this is a common tactic of the enemy to create disunity.
- 3. As you think about opposition to the New Family, what might be your next step of faith in pursuing unity? Is there anything the Spirit, in His kindness, is convicting you of?** (Note: Safety invites vulnerability, which creates healing and freedom. If you are a new group, you might not yet experience vulnerability. If you are an older group but struggle with vulnerability, consider pressing into the root of that. Ask the Spirit to guide each member: “What is causing hesitation?” Also, remember that the Spirit loves to fill His people with the fruit of the Spirit. When you confess sin, it allows Him to not be quenched, and that leads to more access to love, joy, peace, etc. Confession brings beauty.)

Prayer prompt: Pray for the Spirit to fill you afresh to live in unity. Pray about any blocks to unity that might have been shared.