



## January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017: INWARD & OUTWARD

### OPEN

- Describe a time (perhaps this Christmas season) when someone invited you to an event or party a little out of your comfort zone. What happened? Did you go? Were you happy that you did?

### DISCUSS & APPLY

- What do you remember from Eric's message on Sunday? What were some of his main points?
- Considering Eric's opening story, how do you think non-believers with little church experience see the church? How do you think they see you?
- With a church on almost every block here in our area of the country, why are we still "losing" market share in the world?
- Read Daniel 9:3. Why is Daniel fasting and praying? When is the last time you prayed for the salvation of your friends or family members?
- Read Daniel 9:4-8. Daniel takes this "sin" thing quite seriously. Does it grieve you when you see others sin against God, why or why not? How about when you find **yourself** sinning against God? In what ways have you become "casual" with your sin? How would you describe the rhythm of repentance in your daily life?
- Read Daniel 9:18-19. Daniel petitions God to restore Israel. Why? For whose glory? Why is it important for Christians do live every moment and do every action for the glory of God? Why is our natural default for it to be about ME?
- Read John 17:20-23 Eric made two statements about these verses: 1) The world can't know what the world can't see, 2) The world wants to see what Jesus wants to see – Unity.
- What does Unity look like? How do we do this in the church? In our community?

### COMMIT

What is one specific area this week where your motivation could shift from being about yourself to being about making "God famous"?

### PRAY

If there was one person you could see come to know the Lord, who would it be? Pray for the salvation of each person as a group. And pray that God would use each of you to do it.