

THE ARTOF Community Life



Living as a community intentionally focused on cultivating the life of Christ in others.

GROUP GUIDE

Week 7: Be the Church!

ARRIVAL/CONNECTING and SNACK: (15 Minutes) Spend time catching up and socializing with one another. Follow up on prayer requests and any action steps from your last time together.

SHORT OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER: (2 minutes)

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Read Ephesians 1:3-10.
 - a. What does this passage say about the character or "identity" of the church?
 - b. What does it say about the purpose of the church?
 - c. How are we go about accomplishing that purpose (See 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 and Romans 16:17-20)?
- 2. Read Romans 5:1-5.
 - a. What are Justification and peace connected in this passage?
 - b. How do you think reconciliation and peace are related?
- 3. In practical terms, what do you think it means to be a "peacemaker?" Give examples.
- 4. Share a relationship or circumstance in which you believe you have an opportunity to "make peace." Pray for one another to take advantage of that opportunity.