

## FIRST BAPTISTCHURCH ASHLAND

Discipleship Guide The Advocate John 16

This guide was created to help you engage with the message and create deeper engagement with our worship services. Each week this guide will encourage you to reflect on two primary questions using the framework of Up (with God), In (with church) and Out (with neighbors). As we use this guide to reflect on the scriptures and your relationship with God, each other and your neighbors, consider pausing for a moment in quiet before jumping into the questions.

## **Weekly Questions:**

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
  - How are you living up with God?
  - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
  - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

## John 17:6-26

John 17:20-23 talks about how the aim of our unity isn't just for already existing disciples but for the good of our world.

- What are some cheap versions of unity that can happen in churches, families or friendships?
- Jesus is saying that he wants to be lord of our life and the center of our existence. What things, people, places, practices crowd Jesus out of your life?

Jesus says that he comes to sanctify us or set us apart so we can answer "who is Lord? with our lives.

- If someone were to describe what is at the center of your life, what do you think they'd say? Why?
- How does our unity with Christ on a personal level impact the way others can see Jesus?
- How might greater unity as a group/community help others to see Jesus?

Unity is good friends with hospitality, where we learn to put ourselves in the shoes of others.

- What is one relationship where you can practice hospitality this week?
- How can you both pray and act with unity for the sake of others?

For our kids (and adults too!):

Who or what is Lord of your life? How can you recenter around Jesus?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?