

## LIFE GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

### Culture of Unity

September 30 October 1 with Pastor Jeremy

**Ice Breaker:** This weekend, Pastor Jeremy showed a clip of an orchestra playing. Let's say you could jump into an orchestra and play. What would you choose and why?

### Big Idea:

Biblical Unity has to be built. The first step in this is a playbook or guide. For us, this is the Bible, which allows us to know what to do when to do it, and how to do it. We also must be committed to playing our role, the one God has crafted for us, because the church is his masterpiece, not ours. Finally, how we do these things is essential. Love is the binding action. We must love each other honestly and deeply.

### Quick Review:

This weekend, Pastor Jeremy brought essential truths regarding the Culture of Unity. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

### My Story:

- Work together as a group to write down as many things as possible to build a culture of unity once you have completed that list. Take time to work together as a group and write down as many things as the unity culture accomplishes.

### Digging Deeper:

1. Pastor Jeremy taught that biblical unity must be built this week. The first step in that process is a commitment to following the playbook or guide. For us as Christians, that playbook is the Bible. As you read the following passages, highlight and discuss what they teach about Scripture being our playbook/guide.

#### **Psalm 19:7-9**

*7 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
refreshing the soul.*

*The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,  
making wise the simple.*

*8 The precepts of the Lord are right,  
giving joy to the heart.*

*The commands of the Lord are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.*

*9 The fear of the Lord is pure,*

*enduring forever.  
The decrees of the Lord are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.*

***Psalm 119:129-131***

*129 Your statutes are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them.  
130 The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.  
131 I open my mouth and pant,  
longing for your commands.*

2. Scripture also teaches us what the outcome is for sticking to the Bible as our gameplan: maturity. 2 Timothy says that one outcome is “that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

- What are specific ways you have seen Scripture equip you for good works?

3. The second step in building unity is being committed to playing our role. Pastor Jeremy used the image of an orchestra, and Paul used the image of a body.

***1 Corinthians 12:12-14***

*12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.*

- How did you identify your giftings, and how do you use those gifts for the body of Christ? Some folks in your group might not know their gift.

**Take it Home:** What is one thing you are taking away from this weekend’s sermon or Life Group?