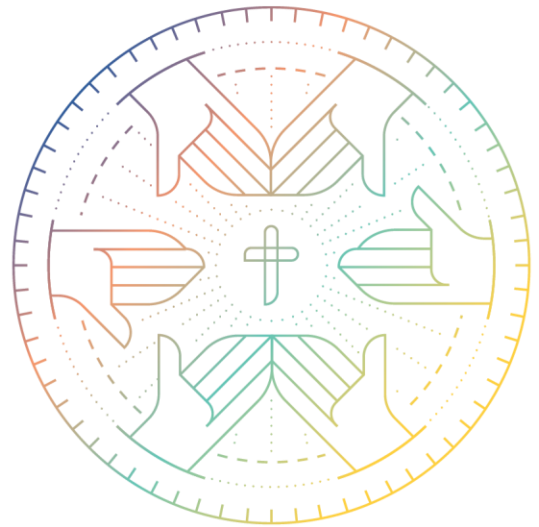


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What is your favorite thing about your best friend?

OR

Are you someone who enjoys having many friends or a few close friends?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

In the message, Levi said, “Deep relationships help us experience God.” Have you seen this to be true in your life? How so?

Read Ephesians 4:1-7. Describe the qualities that believers are to possess to “live worthy of the calling you have received”. In what ways do these qualities help us foster deep relationships?

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

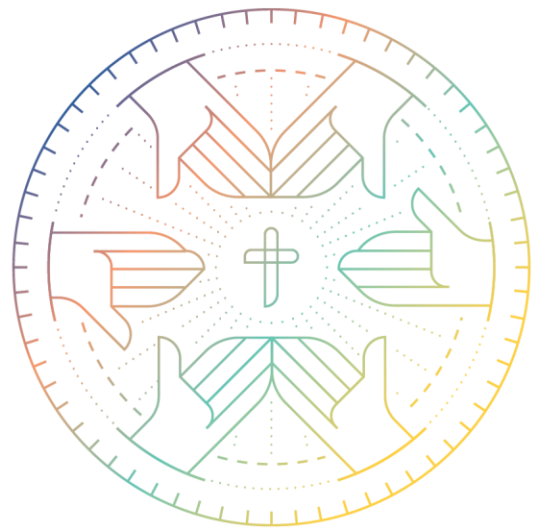
Read Ephesians 4:11-16 and Ephesians 2:8-9. What does a mature believer look like?

Look up definitions of “unity”. Using these definitions and Ephesians 4:15-16, what should a church body that exemplifies unity look like?

Read Romans 5:3-5. Every relationship has its challenges or rough patches. How does this verse encourage us to persist in building deep relationships with others? How does it allow us to trust God in those situations?

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APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

Ephesians 4:2-3 states that the qualities of Godly friends are humility, gentleness, and patience. Think of one relationship in your life right now. In what ways can you nurture and apply these actions in a practical way this week?

Our relationship with Jesus allows us to freely give grace, patience, and peace. Sometimes, we can settle into a routine and simply check off reading our Bible or singing a worship song. What does it look like for you to cultivate a deep relationship with Him this week?

What is one step you can take toward deeper relationships within your small group?

Imagine yourself next year. What qualities would you want to be known for? What steps can you take to grow in humility, gentleness, and/or patience?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear Lord, thank you for setting the example for relationships and guiding us in our own. You are a good Father who wants us to cultivate deep relationships that glorify you. Please help us to have loving action towards each other and to lift up the body of Christ. In your precious name we pray, Amen.