

# Group Life.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



## ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What's one chapter of your story in 2023 that you are grateful for? Perhaps something God did in your life?

OR

Are you a New Year's Resolutions person? If so, share one of your resolutions or goals for 2024. If not, what's something that you hope to see happen in you or in your life in 2024?

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What most stood out to you from Pastor David's message?

How important is the character quality of loyalty in the Christian life?

## INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

**Read Judges 21:25.** What is the relationship between having no king in Israel and everyone doing what was right in their own eyes? Does the first lead to the last? Why?

**Read Deuteronomy 7:3-4, Ephesians 5:5-12 and Ruth 1:1-2.** Why do you think Elimelech moved his family to Moab? What did he risk by making this move? How is this situation similar or different from Joseph taking his family into Egypt?

**Read Matthew 22:37, John 13:35, James 1:12, Philippians 3:8.** How do these New Testament verses relate to the virtue of loyalty? Is loyalty an important virtue for Christ-followers to exhibit?

## APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

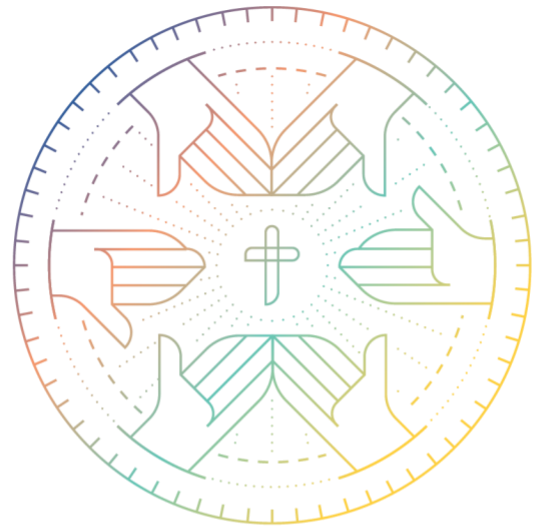
In what ways does your life reflect loyalty toward God? Is there something that you can do, change, or stop doing, to create greater loyalty to God?

David left us with the question, "What does loyalty to God look like for you?" How do you answer that question?

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- Pray for our church, that we all grow in the virtue of loyalty to God, to each other, to Christ's Church, and to living out God's Truth in our lives.

## **PRAYER (10 MINUTES)**

*Our Savior and Lord Jesus, please led us into the path of righteousness, as David prayed in Psalm 23. We confess how easily and often we drift away from holiness and become stained by the sin all around us. Teach us what it means to be loyal to you. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit so that our lives are surrendered to you, conforming to your Truth, pleasing to you and filled with your presence. Amen.*