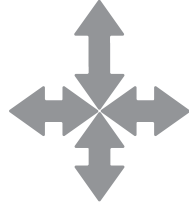




GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of June 10th

This study is designed to help your community group grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. There are three dimensions to following Jesus.



UP: growing in relationship with God

IN: growing in relationship with other followers of Jesus

OUT: growing in relationship with the world around us as we join God in God's mission

Get Started:

What are your plans for the summer? What are you most looking forward to?



UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passage for the week: Ephesians 1:15-23. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Underline or note words or phrases that seem meaningful. Pray for your study of God's Word.

1. If you were a Christian living in Ephesus receiving Paul's letter, what encouragement would the Apostle Paul's prayer have offered you?
2. Re-read verses 22 and 23. In your own words, what does it mean that Christ is the head of the Church?
3. Read Jesus' prayer for us in John 17:20-26. Why do you think unity and oneness in the body of Christ matters so much to Jesus?
4. What does unity in the Church look like? What positive or negative examples of Church unity have you experienced in your own life?
5. How do you think we can grow in unity and oneness as a local church and as the wider Church?



IN: Connect with Each Other

Pray for unity at First Pres and in the Church in Colorado Springs.



Out: : Connect with the World Around Us (Join God in His Mission)

Move towards someone this week in the name of Jesus. Offer a word of encouragement, an offer of prayer, or buy someone lunch and ask more about their story.