



**CORNERSTONE
COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

Digging Deeper Sermon Review September 19, 2021

Group check-in

Open with prayer and follow up from the previous meeting. Feel free to utilize the following if they are helpful:

- check in on prayer requests, evidences of grace, and things to be grateful for

Where is everyone spiritually this week?

- What has been hard?
- Where is sin alluring/tempting?
- Where is God at work?
- Where has God been good to you this past week?
- Who are the unbelievers you are praying for?
- Any gospel opportunities in the past week?

Dig Deeper Into the Sermon: One Foundation (Ephesians 4:4-6)

Have someone read last Sunday's passage. Consider working through some of the following questions as a group:

- Do the imperfections of the church make it hard to think of it as (in Spurgeon's words) "the dearest place on earth?"
- Did the sermon help you begin to see why Spurgeon referred to the church that way? What in particular helped you?
- Cornerstone Community Church is committed to being a gospel-centered church, in doctrine and in our culture? How are we doing in those areas? How can you help CCC be an even more gospel-shaped community?

- Why is it harder, a point made by Ray Ortlund, to lay hold of a gospel culture than gospel doctrine?
- What does “unselfing” look like for you?
- How does a unified church reflect the truth of the gospel?
- Read John 17:20-23. What are the evangelistic implications of our unity?
- What causes division and strife in the church? Where have you experienced it either somewhere else or at CCC? How can it be avoided? What can you do personally to guard against divisiveness?
- Read Romans 16:17. Why are the warnings against division so earnest?
- For those who were part of CCC during the past 3 or more years, what have you learned personally about church unity? Do you believe what Ray Ortlund said, that difficult times “can crack open a church’s heart to depend on the living Christ as never before”? Do you sense CCC’s heart being cracked open to more dependence on Christ? If not, what would that look like? What can you do personally to make that a reality?
- Talk through the “alls” in verse 6: of all, over all, through all, and in all. Rehearse their significance? Why are they important in the life of the church? How do they affect you?

Wrapping up with Prayer

Consider ways in which you can pray for one another in light of the direction the Spirit has led your discussion time.