

# THE CHURCH EXISTS FOR GOD'S GLORY

## BIG TRUTH: THE CHURCH EXISTS FOR GOD'S GLORY

1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 2:5-9; Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:12-18; 1:9-11; Hebrews 13:21

## BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 3:20-21

*"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*

## BIG IDEAS

- The church is the house of God.
- The church is the bride of Christ.
- The church is the light of the world.

## BIBLE PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 3:20-4:16

## UNITE - I AM PART OF A FAMILY

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

## SERIES AIMS



### Every student should know that...

- The church is a family.
- The church is given by God.
- The church exists for God.



### Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the unique ways God has gifted them and their church.
- Appreciation for the elders and leaders that God has gifted their church.



### Every student should strive to...

- Prioritize gathering to worship each week with their church family.
- Learn more about membership in their local church.
- Do something to intentionally serve someone in their church family each week



### Every student should want...

- To devote themselves to pursue holiness with their church family.
- To have their lives be marked by love for the church.
- To live in a way that is sacrificial and generous for the good of others and the glory of God

## FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what how to discuss with our son or daughter what it looks like to be a light in the dark world. We will pray with them to have hearts that seek God's glory through the church and we will lead them to practice living as a light in the dark world.

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**Read and meditate on Ephesians 3:20-4:16 this week.**

As you ponder these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- How can you model being a part of the church in a way that glorifies God? How can you help your son or daughter understand what it means to be the bride of Christ?

Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter that the church is the house of God. How can you help your son or daughter understand that the house of God is not just a building, but it is made up of His people? How can you help them understand what it means to be the church and to seek God's glory?



**Spend time praying for your son or daughter this week.**

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you explain to your son or daughter that the church is the light of God in the world.
- Pray with your student this week. As you pray together, model asking the Holy Spirit to help you be a light in the dark world.



**Discuss with your son or daughter specific ways that you work through the church to seek God's glory.**

- Share with them ways that they can join in activities or ministries at the church to be a light in the dark world.
- Discuss with your student ways that he or she can shine their lights this week. Lead them to participate in ministries at church that help the church seek God's glory.