

THE CHURCH EXISTS FOR GOD'S GLORY

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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

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it means to be the house of God. We will pray for hearts that love Christ as our bridegroom and we will practice being a light in the dark world.

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

As you read these verses this week, ask yourself some of these questions:

- How is the church the house of God? Is God's house a building or the people? How can you live as the bride of Christ? What does it really mean to be the bride of Christ?

Ponder how you can participate with your local church to be a light in the dark world. What events or outreaches can you participate in to help you be a light to lost people? How can you help your church show your community the gospel of Jesus?

**Pray this week that your heart would rejoice in being a part of the local church.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the beauty of the church being the bride of Christ.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to help you know how to be a light in the dark world.

**Define the word "glory". Use a Bible app to do a word search of the word "glory."**

- Write down a few of the verses that stand out to you. Write down a few of the activities you are involved in each week. Next, think of how you can do those activities for the glory of God. Discuss with your mom or dad how you can do each of your activities for God's glory.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you can help your church be a light in the world this week. What are some ministries or activities you can participate in to help shine the light of the gospel?