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1 Corinthians 12:22-26; Philippians 2:3-8, 17; Hebrews 13:15

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 12:1

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

BIG IDEAS

- We worship with our hearts, minds, and lives.
- We use our gifts for the good of others.
- We love God's family over ourselves.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ROMANS 12:1-21

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 how to discuss with our son or daughter what loving sacrificially looks like. We will pray with them to have hearts that love the church over themselves and we will lead them to practice loving the church sacrificially.

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Read and meditate on Romans 12:1-21 this week.

As you meditate on these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- How can you discuss living sacrificially with your son or daughter? How can you model living sacrificially for Jesus? What are some ways you can help your son or daughter understand what it means to love the church over ourselves?

Ponder how you can help your son or daughter understand his or her spiritual gifts and how to use them in the church. How can you model using your own spiritual gifts to your son or daughter? How can you help them get use their gifts within your local church?



Spend time praying for your son or daughter this week.

- As you pray ask the Holy Spirit to create a love for and desire to serve the local church in your son's or daughter's heart.
- Pray with your student this week. As you pray together model asking the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities to serve the local church with your spiritual gifts.



Help your son or daughter make a list of his or her spiritual gifts.

- Help them identify what gifts they have and how they can use them to serve the church.
- Discuss with your student ways that he or she can serve the church this week.
- Help them see they can serve the church and encourage them to use their gifts for the good of the church.