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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

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it means to live sacrificially. We will pray for opportunities to love sacrificially and we will practice loving the family of God over ourselves.

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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:

- What does it mean to live sacrificially? How can you abhor what is evil? How can you love others over yourself? Why is it important to love the family of God?

Consider the ways you love the church. Do you love the church sacrificially? Do you seek to use your spiritual gifts for the good of the church? How can you better participate in loving the church sacrificially?

**Pray for a heart that desires to love the family of God.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you ways you can love your local church.
- Spend time praying with your small group leader this week. As you pray together ask the Holy Spirit to help you use your gifts for the good of the church.

**Create a list of ways you can love the family of God over yourself.**

- List some of the things you love to do and choose a few to sacrifice this week in order to love others. Perhaps you set aside hanging out with friends or watching tv so you can serve members of your church in some way.
- Discuss with your small group leader what some of your spiritual gifts are and how you can use them in your church. Make a plan to utilize your spiritual gifts in your local church.