

# LESSON 2: UNITY

## Look Back:

- What are you thankful for? What is causing you stress?
- How did you deal with conflict and forgive others this week?

## Look up: Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit

- Read Ephesians 4:1-3. What does the Spirit do?
- Galatians 5:13-23. Unity comes from being Spirit led. How do we know if the Spirit is leading?
- How can we make every effort to maintain that unity?
- Ephesians 4:11-16. Why do we go to church?
- Ephesians 5:15-21. Why is submitting to one another a sign of being filled with the Spirit? Who are we really submitting to?
- Ephesians 6:10-12,18. Every decision is always yours to make. How would praying with others to confirm the Spirit's leading protect you from bad decisions?

## DECISION-MAKING: We unite around Jesus and his will.

- PRAY – Seek the Head of the Church. What is your will?
- SHARE – What is the Spirit revealing from the Word?
  - Is this a matter where God gives people freedom to choose (personal preference)?
- DISCERN
  - Are we seeing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives?
  - Is there unity? Do we all believe the Spirit is leading in this decision? If no, wait or a different direction?

## Look Forward – Set goals & pray for goals

- What are you doing well?
- What do you need to change?
- Set Goal: Commit to praying through major decisions with your discipleship group and allow the Spirit time bring unity.

**RESOURCE FOR GOING DEEPER:** Read **Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God** by Henry Blackaby

