

Discussion Guide: Legacy – Marks of a Faithful Church | Discipleship

Begin with prayer 5 min

Check In

20-30 min

Spend a few minutes catching up on life with one another.

- Fruit: what has been bringing you joy lately?
- Thorn: what have you been struggling with lately?
- Vine: how have you seen or been connecting with God lately?
- Bud: what are you looking forward to?

Discuss this week's practice

5-10 min

- What day did you choose to practice Sabbath? How did it go this week?
- What hurdles do you foresee with practicing Sabbath?

Discuss this week's sermon

5-10 min

- Mark said that there are 40,000 different Christian denominations! Crazy, right? How many can you name? Why do think there are so many?
- This week's sermon was about Jesus' "High Priestly Prayer", where He asks the Father to make us one. What do you think being one means?

Open your bibles together

25-30 min

- Read John 17:20-23
- Jesus prayed that His disciples would "grow in unity". How do you see unity within the church? How do you see division?
- How can we be intentional to pursue unity, especially during a time of quarantine and social distancing?
- Read John 17:24
- What do you think Jesus means when He says that He wants to be where He is?
- How might unity within the body of Christ look different than it looks in the world?
- Read John 17:25-26
- How does our oneness invite others into God's love?



- Mark mentioned in his sermon that Satan is the master distracter (1 Peter 3:8). How is Satan glorified in division? How is God glorified in Christian unity?
- End by reading The Apostle's Creed together:
- I believe in God the Father almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ the only son of our lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried. On the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the father almighty, from which shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer for one another

10 min

Encourage the person who's assigned over prayer request to get them at this time

Talk about the coming week's practice

5 min

- 1. If sabbath is a day of rest, what preparations will you need to make during the week to prepare for it so that you won't be doing it the day of?
- 2. Make sure that everyone knows where to find the practice guide on the website.