

## BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GUIDE

### ONE CHURCH

August 10, 2025



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**Icebreaker.** What's one thing that's helped you feel "at home" in a church community?

**Scripture Reading.** John 13:34-35; John 17:20-21; Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 28:15, Romans 15:5-6.

#### Discussion Questions.

1. In John 13, Jesus says "love for one another" is the primary mark of discipleship. Looking at this verse, what does "as I have loved you" mean in practical terms?
2. How does 1 Peter 4:8's call to "love deeply" challenge the way we sometimes approach church relationships?
3. Think about Dorcas in Acts 9. How does her story help us see "love in action" without needing a platform or public recognition?
4. According to Jesus's prayer in John 17, how is unity connected to the world believing in Him?
5. Romans 15:5-6 describes unity as an act of worship. How does that change the way you think about gathering with others who are different from you?
6. The Nehemiah 3 story shows many types of people building together. If our church were like that wall-building team, what role would you want to play?
7. Hebrews 10 challenges us not to give up meeting together. In light of that, what are some subtle ways the enemy might try to isolate us from community?

8. In Acts 28:15, Paul was encouraged simply by people showing up. Who has "shown up" for you in a way that strengthened your faith?
9. How can we gently help others see the value in consistent community?

#### Next Steps.

- Recommit to gathering regularly—even when it's hard.
- Identify one person you could encourage or invite this week.
- Pray together for "ONEs"—people close to you but far from God.

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