**Projecting and Protecting the Unity of the Church**

Rooted in 1 Peter 1:22–23, the course explores the theological foundation, spiritual vitality, and practical expressions of church unity.

Each session engages Scripture to address critical aspects of Christian community: the divine origin of unity, the responsibilities of fellowship, the role of every believer in ministry, and the shared calling to mission and mutual care.

**Core Text**: 1 Peter 1:22–23

**Week 1: The Call to Unity**

**Text**: 1 Peter 1:22–23

**Objective**: Explore unity as a divine mandate flowing from our spiritual rebirth.

**Key Themes**: Obedience, purification, sincere love.

**Discussion**:

* What does it mean to "purify your soul"?
* How is love the fruit of obeying the truth?

**Application**: Cultivate earnest love as a sign of unity.

**Week 2: The Source of Unity**

**Text**: John 17:20–23

**Objective**: Understand unity as rooted in the Trinity and Christ’s prayer.

**Key Themes**: Unity as divine witness.

**Discussion**:

* How is Christian unity missional?
* What does oneness in the Trinity teach us?

**Application**: Reflect on how your local church reflects divine unity.

**Week 3: Threats to Unity**

**Text**: 1 Corinthians 1:10–17

**Objective**: Recognize and resist division in the body.

**Key Themes**: Factions, pride, misplaced loyalty.

**Discussion**:

* What are the modern equivalents of "I follow Paul"?
* How do theological camps help or hurt unity?

**Application**: Practice humility in theological disagreements.

**Week 4: Fellowship as Covenant**

**Text**: Acts 2:42–47

**Objective**: Fellowship is commitment, not convenience.

**Key Themes**: Shared life, devotion, joy.

**Discussion**:

* How did the early church live out unity?
* How can we reclaim covenant fellowship today?

**Application**: Commit to intentional community rhythms.

**Week 5: Forgiveness and Restoration**

**Text**: Matthew 18:15–20

**Objective**: Biblical conflict resolution strengthens unity.

**Key Themes**: Reconciliation, peacemaking.

**Discussion**:

* Why does Jesus place such emphasis on private resolution?
* What is the role of the church in accountability?

**Application**: Practice direct and grace-filled confrontation.

**Week 6: Every Member a Minister**

**Text**: Ephesians 4:11–16

**Objective**: Ministry is the shared responsibility of all.

**Key Themes**: Growth, maturity, mutual edification.

**Discussion**:

* What gifts are present in your church?
* How can they be better mobilized?

**Application**: Take ownership of your ministry contribution.

**Week 7: Servant Leadership**

**Text**: Mark 10:42–45

**Objective**: Model leadership after Christ’s humility.

**Key Themes**: Power inverted, greatness redefined.

**Discussion**:

* How does Jesus redefine leadership?
* How can leaders guard against control and pride?

**Application**: Serve others in ways that go unseen.

**Week 8: Empowering Others**

**Text**: 2 Timothy 2:1–2

**Objective**: Empowerment builds generational unity.

**Key Themes**: Faithful transmission, discipleship.

**Discussion**:

* Who has invested in your faith?
* Who are you investing in?

**Application**: Identify and mentor a younger believer.

**Week 9: Shared Mission**

**Text**: Matthew 28:18–20

**Objective**: The Great Commission unites us in purpose.

**Key Themes**: Global vision, local action.

**Discussion**:

* How does mission unify the church?
* Where are you currently on mission?

**Application**: Partner with others in outreach.

**Week 10: Stewarding the Body**

**Text**: Romans 12:3–8

**Objective**: Honor each member's contribution.

**Key Themes**: Gifts, humility, interdependence.

**Discussion**:

* How do we balance humility and calling?
* What causes "gift envy" in the church?

**Application**: Affirm someone else’s gift this week.

**Week 11: Bearing One Another’s Burdens**

**Text**: Galatians 6:1–5

**Objective**: Unity thrives where empathy is practiced.

**Key Themes**: Responsibility, compassion, restoration.

**Discussion**:

* What keeps us from helping others spiritually?
* How can we make space for burden-bearing?

**Application**: Intentionally support a struggling believer.

**Week 12: Projecting and Protecting Unity**

**Text**: Colossians 3:12–17

**Objective**: Clothe the church in love.

**Key Themes**: Forgiveness, peace, gratitude.

**Discussion**:

* What are the garments of unity?
* How does the Word shape communal identity?

**Application**: Create a personal commitment plan to protect unity.