

In One Accord

Main Scripture: Acts 2:1-2

Additional Scripture: Acts 1:14, 2:5, 2:46, 4:24, 5:12, 15:25, Ephesians 4:1-4, 4:25-29,
Romans 15:5-6, John 17:20-23, Psalm 133:1-3

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Pastor Mike said that when God's people are in one accord, something *always* happens. Give some examples of this that you see in the Bible and that you have seen in your life or in the church today.
- "Getting on the same page takes a lot of work." Share some examples in your life that you saw the fruit of working or laboring to be on the same page with someone... in your marriage? In your family? At your work? In the church?
- **Read John 17:20-23.** Jesus said that our unity as the church would be what revealed the love of the Father to the world. How can unity be seen as an evangelistic tool? Why do you think Jesus stressed its importance to this extent?
 - What kind of specific unity do you think Jesus is talking about here? Give some very practical and applicable examples of what He might have meant in your life today.
- Ask the small group to say what they think the definition of unity is. Then tell them that "one accord" in Greek literally means "fierceness, passion, fury." How does the Greek definition size up to the definitions given by the small group? What are the differences between the two?
 - Why do you think that we never naturally associate unity with words such as "fierceness" and "fury"? How does using these words change your view of the intensity of unity and what it really means to be unified?
- **Read Ephesians 4:29.** Review the words you have spoken to others this week. Can you honestly say that all of your words imparted grace to those who heard them? If not, what are the areas or conversations that need the most work?
- Pastor Mike said that we need to "spend spiritual calories" on maintaining unity with one another. Look at your life this week and ask yourself if any of your spiritual calories were spent creating, building, or maintaining unity. If not, where are some places that you could start?

Doing: Application

- This week, make a concerted effort to seek out ways to build unity with your family, small group, church and work. Come back next week and share the success and rough spots that you encountered in doing so.