

RENEW

UNITED IN LOVE - CHRISTY

Ideas for discussion:

- What are the things that cause distortion for us?
- What are active ways we can seek to be knit together rather than torn apart?
- What are the things that we need to put off and put on in order to experience more unity?

Ideas for application:

reflection: repentance, repair and restoration of relationships (Amy will set up this time on the video).

Reflection:

Is there a filter through which you experience your sister or brother that needs to be removed? Take some time to be alone with the Lord to reflect and listen to the Spirit. If He brings someone or something to mind be quick to repent.

Matthew 5:23-24 says, *"This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God."*

If you can make something right with the person right now, do it before you move back into your small groups.

Small Groups:

Return to your small groups and share what He has shown you. If you can't address or repair it right now, practice James 5:16 as you confess to each other and pray for each other. *"Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]."*

Communion:

Before going to lunch, we would like to invite you to close the morning with a time of communion. (1 Corinthians 11:23-28)

As we break bread:

We need to reflect on the fact that we are related to each other and be reminded of our obligation to love each other so that we are knit together in love

As we take the cup:

Think about the fact that He was wounded for our transgressions, the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.