



INTRODUCTION

The church is a group of Christians who regularly gather in Christ's name to officially affirm and oversee one another's membership in Jesus Christ and his kingdom through gospel preaching and gospel ordinance.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take-away from the sermon?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Acts 6:1-7**.
- Why do you think God gives the church elders? How does the work of an elders promote unity?
- Why do you think God gives the church deacons? How does the work of a deacons promote unity?
- What responsibilities does God give to the church? How does the responsibilities of the church protect and promote unity?
- Why is unity so important in the church?

APPLICATION

- What affect does the body serving one another have on the church?
- Are you consistently serving the people called Hamilton Baptist Church? Are you serving on Sunday (our main family gathering)?
- How do non-believers usually hear you talk about people within your church (e.g. leadership, your brothers and sisters, etc.)? What do you think that communicates to a non-believer if you are consistently speaking ill of your church?
- What does it proclaim to the world when believers care for and serve one another?
- How can this Community Group grow in serving one another?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?