

Grace Guide



MAY 12-18

MONDAY
5/12

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

God designed us to live in community, not in isolation. This writer of Ecclesiastes highlights the strength, support, and protection that come from walking through life with others. Whether it's in marriage, friendship, or Christian fellowship, we are stronger together than we are alone. When one stumbles, another lifts. When one is attacked, another defends. This calls us to invest in meaningful relationships and nurture unity in our families, churches, and neighborhoods. Christian community is not just helpful – it is essential for a life of faith and endurance.

1. Are there relationships in your life that God may be calling you to invest more deeply in?
2. What barriers (like pride or fear or busyness) keep you from asking for help, and how can you bring those to God?

TUESDAY
5/13

ISAIAH 11:1-9

This prophetic vision of the Messiah's reign is one of peace, justice, and harmony. Isaiah describes a world where natural enemies dwell together safely, a symbol of the deep unity and restoration God brings through Jesus. In the kingdom of God, peace replaces hostility, and righteousness governs every relationship. This is not just a future hope but a present calling – we are to live now as citizens of that peaceable kingdom. As followers of Christ, we are invited to be peacemakers, bridge-builders, and people who live out God's vision of unity even in a divided world.

1. What part of this vision of peace stands out to you most, and why?
2. In what ways does your life reflect God's desire for unity and reconciliation and how can your words and actions contribute to peace in a world often marked by division?

WEDNESDAY
5/14

JOHN 17:20-26

In this intimate moment before his arrest, Jesus prays for all who would believe in him – including us. His deepest desire is that we would be united, reflecting the perfect unity between the Father and the Son. This unity is not merely organizational but spiritual and relational. It is a witness to the world of God's love and truth. Unity among believers isn't always easy – it requires humility, forgiveness, patience, and love. But when we pursue oneness in Christ, we honor his prayer and show the world a glimpse of God's glory.

1. What would unity at Grace Church look like for you? How could we find that kind of unity?
2. How does Christian unity serve as a witness to the world of who Jesus is?

THURSDAY
5/15

GALATIANS 3:23-29

In Christ, all human distinctions that once divided people – ethnic, social, or gender-based – no longer define our status or value. The unity we share as believers is not a denial of our differences but a celebration of our equal belonging in God's family. Through faith, we are clothed with Christ and adopted as heirs of his promise. In a world still fractured by prejudice and inequality, the Church is called to live as a countercultural community – one that demonstrates the oneness we have in Jesus.

1. What personal identities do you hold most tightly, and how are they shaped by your identity in Christ?
2. Are there ways you've unintentionally allowed differences to hinder your unity with others in the Church?

FRIDAY
5/16

PSALM 133

This short psalm paints a vivid picture of the beauty of unity among God's people. It is compared to sacred oil and dew – both symbols of refreshment, blessing, and divine presence. True unity is not merely peaceful coexistence, but a holy harmony where love, purpose, and worship are shared. When believers dwell together in unity, God commands his blessing. This should encourage us to value and protect the unity of our church families and fellowships, knowing that unity is not just good for us – it delights the Lord.

1. Can you recall a time when you experienced genuine unity among God's people? What made it so life-giving?
2. Where is God calling you to be a peacemaker or unity-builder in your relationships?

SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
5/17-18

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-16 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14

Unity in the Church is built on humility and diversity working together in love. Paul calls believers to imitate Christ's humility by putting others first and living in selfless service. At the same time, we are reminded that each member of the body of Christ is essential, with unique gifts and functions. Unity is not uniformity – it is the harmony of many parts working as one. When we embrace both humility and diversity, we reflect the character of Christ and the beauty of his body.

1. What unique role or gift has God given you within the body of Christ?
2. How do you view people with different gifts or personalities in the church – do you see them as essential to oneness in Christ?

Verse for the week:

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

(Galatians 3:28)

NOTES
