



## BIG IDEA

This week we will be talking about the three core values of our church community; The Collective. Why is this important? As a family and community it is important that we live out the biblical culture together not just on Sundays but every day of the week. As a family it is important to function in unity as a church in *one Spirit* and as each member does its part the whole body will be healthy and growing and full of love.

### ***Ephesians 4:2-6***

<sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. <sup>4</sup> For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. <sup>5</sup> There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

### ***Ephesians 4:15-16***

<sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Read through the 3 core values of The Collective and correlated verses then discuss the questions below.

#### **I. Always Jesus: Philippians 3:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, <sup>11</sup> so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

## **II. You can Sit with Us: Romans 15:7**

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

## **III. We Not Me: Philippians 2:2-5.**

<sup>2</sup> Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

<sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

<sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Core Value 1: Always Jesus. What does it mean to have to value of "always Jesus" in our life, in our ministry, in our work, in our church community?
2. Core Value 2: You Can Sit with Us. What does it look like to have this attitude? How can we develop this attitude of embracing one another?
3. Core Value 3: We Not Me. What does this mean? How might one develop more of this attitude in TC and amongst our spheres of influence?
4. Which core value do you have a hard time understanding or applying? Which Core Value resonates with you the most?
5. What is one tangible way we as a connect group can practice these three core values in our community this week?