

1 – Week #4 Small Group

Pray First

Tell about a time you KNEW you were right...and it turned out you weren't. 😊 what were the consequences, how did people treat you or react to you, and how did you respond to being wrong.

One of the songs that was sung at the beginning of the service this study is based on is "The Battle Belongs". In that song it talks about the fact in every one of our battles, it belongs to the LORD, and He sees a victory. Share about a time when you were fighting your own battle. If you were able to give it over to God, what difference did that make?

As part of the message Pastor Jeff talked about fighting our battles. Satan is the real enemy – it is He who wants to create division.

- What are some ways you can be prepared in fighting against division?
- What are some practical things you can do to assure the devil does not get a foothold?
- What is humility and why is it important?
- What does humility have to do with unity?

Watch the video clip

- What is something that stood out to you in this portion of the teaching?
- Why do we forgive others?
- What should be our response especially when we are dealing with other believers?
- Any "family dynamics" in the group? 😊 you don't have to share...but pray for grace, humility and forgiveness as you consider your family as well as the family of God!

Read 1 John 4:9-12

- What do these verses say?
- Talk about the "real love" that comes from God.
- How do you (we) do at loving one another?
- Talk about anything else that this message brings up to you!

Here's some things Pastor Jeff closed with. What of these can you do today to help keep unity?

- Love each other,
- Don't allow the devil a foothold,
- be humble,
- respect the authority that God has put in place,
- sometimes you need to check your opinion at the door.

Close in prayer, and pray for the unity of our church, for the body of Christ, for our country and for it's leaders.

More during the week:

- 1 John 2:9-12
- 1 Timothy 1:5-7
- Romans 10:9-15

