

Faithful: God's Relentless Love for Wandering Hearts

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session overview

Theme: Healthy churches protect their unity by refusing to be shaped by division, drama, and distraction. We build a grace-filled culture when we lovingly confront what breaks it down.

opening prayer (2 min)

Example: "Father, thank You for making us one family in Christ. We ask You to protect the unity You've given us. Help us spot the cracks that can lead to division. Give us humility, courage, and grace to preserve what matters most, Your church. In Jesus' name, Amen."

highlights (15 min)

Intro Reflection:

Have you ever seen a small problem become a big mess because no one dealt with it early? What happened?

Key Quote to Discuss:

"Caring about the small things transforms a community in every way, causing it to flourish."

time to consider (30 min)

Read Aloud: Titus 3:9-11

1. Vision for Unity

Good churches have a vision for what they want their community to look like, and they care enough to protect it

discussion questions

- What kind of community is Paul calling Titus to build in Crete?
- How do biblical values like love, humility, forgiveness, and truth shape church culture?
- Why do doctrinal soundness and relational integrity go hand-in-hand?

2. Avoiding Divisive Distractions

Paul lists four types of controversies to avoid:

1. Foolish controversies: Dogmatic debates about end times timelines, obsessions with hidden bible codes, numerical patterns, and overconsumption of conspiracy theories.
2. Genealogies (spiritual elitism): Spiritual elitism based on tribalism or denominationalism. Claiming superiority because of a particular "stream" of Christianity.
3. Dissensions: Church splits over carpet color, music style, service times, and Facebook comment wars. Creating leadership factions and overemphasizing ministry philosophies.
4. Quarrels about the law. Arguments over dress codes, alcohol, tattoos, Legalistic gatekeeping - Elevating man-made traditions to the level of divine authority

discussion questions

- Which of these distractions have you seen damage unity in churches or groups?
- What are some "hot takes" or online debates that sound spiritual but don't build anyone up?
- How can the STIK Strategy Help You?

Saturate: Yourself with spiritually uplifting content

Turn: Towards Christian Community that strengthens your faith.

Intentionally: limit unhealthy content streaming into your life

Keep: The cross and resurrection in the forefront of your focus

Contrast Activity (Reflect & Discuss):

Distractions	Devotion
Spiritual rabbit holes	Gospel-centered teaching
Drama and Division	Grace and humility
Legalistic Traditions	Biblical truth in love

3. Gracious Confrontation

Paul also says to warn a divisive person twice, then disengage.

discussion questions

- What makes a person divisive? What fruit shows up in their life?
- How can we lovingly confront someone who is causing harm?
- Why is this not about being harsh, but being protective of what's holy?

missional living (30 min)

Living It Out:

- **Reflect:** Are you guarding unity in your church, or passively allowing division?
- **Practice:** This week, refuse to feed drama. Commit to speaking encouragement, truth, and peace.
- **Share:** Reach out to someone you've disagreed with. Pursue peace, not just comfort.

reach our world (10 min)

Prayer Focus:

- Pray against the spirit of division in churches in Las Vegas and across the nation.
- Ask God to raise up peacemakers and protectors of biblical unity.
- Pray for Awaken to be a church where grace silences gossip and love wins every time.

closing prayer (5 min)

Commit to this in Prayer:

"God, help us be allergic to drama and addicted to grace. Let us be quick to encourage, slow to quarrel, and courageous in protecting what matters most, Your bride, the Church. Use us to model unity in a divided age. In Jesus' name, Amen."

final takeaways

- **Posture** – Care deeply about the culture we're creating.
- **Community** – Grace must be the loudest thing in the room.
- **Conviction** – Jesus didn't die for drama; He died to build a family.

memory verse

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."
Ephesians 4:3 (NLT)