



## **Discipleship Resource**

### **“Threats to Unity”**

**Ephesians 4:3**

#### **Scripture Memory**

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)

#### **Sermon Summary**

The Spirit creates unity (Eph. 4:3), but we have the capability of disrupting that unity. To promote unity, we need to be aware of what threatens unity. First, we threaten unity through our words (Prov. 12:18; Eph. 4:29). Second, we threaten unity through pride (Prov. 13:10). Third, we threaten unity through jealousy (James 4:1-2). Fourth, we threaten unity through false teaching (Rom. 16:17). Therefore, disunity not only hurts the community, it also hinders our witness to a watching world (John 13:34-35).

#### **Discussion Guide**

- How does it move you to know that disunity angers the heart of God (Prov. 6:16-19)?
- As a church, why is it important to study both what promotes unity and causes disunity?
- Of the four things that threaten unity, which do you think would hurt your community most?
- Of the four things that threaten unity, which are you prone to neglect the most and why?
- Practically, according to Ephesians 4:3, how can you promote unity this week?

#### **Prayer Guide**

- As a disciple, praise God that the Spirit creates unity and empowers us to promote unity.
- For your family, pray that God would protect you from disunity, especially during this season.
- For our church, pray that God would give us a desire to passionately promote unity together.
- For our city, pray that our city would see how God’s love through how we love one another.
- For our world, pray that they would see the church united by the gospel and nothing else.