## **LESSON 4: UNITY**

## Look Back:

- What are you thankful for? What is causing you stress?
- How did you deal with conflict and forgive others this week?

## Look up: Maintaining the Unity of the Spirit

- Read Ephesians 4:1-3. Unity comes from being Spirit led.
  - How do we know if the Spirit is leading? Galatians 5
  - How can we make every effort to maintain that unity?
- Ephesians 5:15-21. Why is submitting to one another a sign of being filled with the Spirit? Who are we really submitting to?

Ephesians 6:10-12,18. Every decision is always yours to make.
How would praying with others to confirm the Spirit's leading protect you from bad decisions?

**DECISION-MAKING:** We unite around Jesus and his will.

- PRAY Seek the Head of the Church. What is your will?
- SHARE What is the Spirit revealing from the Word?
- DISCERN
  - o Are we seeing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives?
  - Is there unity? Do we all believe the Spirit is leading in this decision? If no, wait or a different direction?

**Look Forward** – Set goals & pray for goals

- What are you doing well?
- What do you need to change?
- Set Goal: Commit to praying through major decisions with your discipleship group and allow the Spirit time bring unity.

RESOURCE FOR GOING DEEPER: Read Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God by Henry Blackaby