

# LEVERAGE YOUR LIFE



## STICK TOGETHER

**BIG IDEA:** We are a family united by a mission.

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 29 and Sunday, May 3, 2026

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Thes. 3:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; Acts 13:2-3

## CONNECT

**What do you like best about being part of a team? Why? What ideas or images come to mind when you hear the word family? Do you ever think of your family as a team? How could that change your family dynamics?**

## WATCH THE VIDEO

What stood out to you from today's video teaching?

## SCRIPTURE

### **2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 (CSB)**

In addition, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you, <sup>2</sup>and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not all have faith.

### **2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (CSB)**

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia: <sup>2</sup>During a severe trial brought about by affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>I can testify that, according to their ability and even beyond their ability, of their own accord, <sup>4</sup>they begged us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints, <sup>5</sup>and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will.

### **Acts 13:2-3 (CSB)**

<sup>2</sup>As they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup>Then after they had fasted, prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them off.

## DISCUSSION

If the church is a family united by a mission, does your experience as a Jesus follower align with that definition? Why or why not?

As individual followers of Jesus what are some ways we often contribute to the division and discord within the church?

What does it look like for you to be a uniter around the mission of God in our church? With other churches? How can you surrender your preferences, wants, and desires to leverage your life for the kingdom of God?

Consider the four activities listed below. If one church can't accomplish the mission by itself, where and how do you see churches working together to make a kingdom impact in our community? How can we join in those efforts or expand our current engagement?

PRAY

GIVE

SEND

CARE

Here are three ways to stick together as fellow members of Christ's body:

1. Our one foundation, which is Christ.
2. Our one attitude, which is love.
3. Our one guide, which is the Holy Spirit.

Where have you seen the attractational power of unity at work? What happens when you meet someone and discover they are a Christian?

When have you experienced God's love in a way that felt especially meaningful? How does knowing God loves you help you extend love to others?

What's one step you can take this week to submit yourself more fully to the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

## PRAYER RESPONSE

**When we seek God in prayer, He moves in power.** *"All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer..." (Acts 1:14)* Spend some time praying out loud together around the following topics: for unity around God's mission; the Hodges Campus, the Palm Valley Campus, the Southside Campus; the church staff; the missionaries and church planters we support; the Pastor Search team and our new Pastor to be; for fellow churches in Jacksonville and around the world to be strengthened as they share the gospel..

*We're all different—Jesus followers are people from every tribe and tongue and nation and age. We're different. Yet we are all living in submission to the same King. **We're all passionate about the same kingdom.** We're all pursuing and striving for the same spiritual goals, which means we can be unified by the same Spirit.*