



WEEK 1: THE CHURCH'S COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH

1. 1 Peter 2:9-10 Reminds us that God has united the church in a special way. Does this "team" seem greater to you than other teams? What are the "teams" in your life that you are tempted to let rise to the top?
2. We probably all have stories of crazy and legitimate reasons for church splits or division. Does the truth about God making us a people mean that none of those matter?
3. How do we keep disagreements from becoming divisive?
4. How has your experience in church life verified or confused this truth? What are the environments that you have been loved the best?
5. On Sunday, Brian outlined four ways that the church has to be committed to loving each other in radical ways:
 1. Radical Forgiveness
 2. Encouraging One Another In The Faith
 3. Speaking To & About Each Other Differently
 4. Praying For One Another

Which of these is the most difficult for you? How can you begin to ask God to shape your heart towards others in this way.

6. When you realize that you not only give these things to others within the church, but that you will need to be the recipient of these things at many points in your life- how does that change the way you think about these things?