

A Connected Participant

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WARM UP

Share a high and/or low from Christmas and New Year's Day.

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

An Evening of Worship at Grace Friday, January 19, 7:30 p.m., WC auditorium

Women's Night Out: Canvas & Coffee Friday, January 26, 6:30 p.m., Youth Center. Register at GracePolaris.org/Canvas for \$20 per person. Space is limited.

GriefShare Wednesdays, February 7–April 25, 7:00 p.m., Administrative Offices (8724 Olde Worthington Road, Westerville). GracePolaris.org/GriefShare

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Describe the most fulfilling or influential relational group in your life (non-church and non-family). What traits of a healthy group are most significant to you? Explain.
- 2 "Live out who(se) you are." That's essentially what Paul writes in Ephesians 4:1. What does that mean? What makes this difficult for believers?
- 3 Which of the characteristics in Ephesians 4:2,3 is most difficult for you to live out? Which characteristic do you think is most attractive and compelling for observers?
- 4 Why does unity matter for the Body of Christ, including in a local church and in the relational groups found there (4:3)? What are some ways that you can foster and protect unity with other believers (John 17:22,23)?
- 5 Compare healthy relationships between physical siblings to healthy relationships between spiritual siblings. What are the common elements?
- 6 What is the value of commitment and accountability in healthy relationships? Would others in your group and your church describe you as committed and accountable to them? What evidence would they have?
- 7 Paul uses the metaphor of a body to describe healthy relationships between followers of Jesus. What's another analogy or illustration that is inspiring or compelling to you?

PRAY

Read through Colossians 3, then ask God to challenge and convict your heart as needed.