



## SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION



### IN THIS SESSION

Introductory considerations and foundational concepts for the study of the Bible's "one another" passages.



### KEY PASSAGES

- **Ephesians 2:19-22** <sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.
- **1 Corinthians 12:12-14** <sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.



### DISCUSS

- Talk with your disciple or group about your own experiences with Christian community, either from growing up in the church or from an outsider's perspective (i.e. what you perceived the church was all about). Be open and honest about your hurts and fears as a result of these experiences.
- As you prepare to walk through further sessions in this study, brainstorm some potential impacts of viewing the gospel as not simply "my personal relationship with Jesus." Now that you've talked through some of your fears, what do you think might be some biases you have toward the idea of gospel community?
- What do you expect to gain from the rest of this Study? With another person or in the group you're going through this with, talk about attitudes or flawed perspectives that might keep you from gleaning the most out of this Study. Spend some time in prayer through these together.



### PRAY

- Ask God to expose presuppositions in your heart that would keep you from genuinely encountering the reality of the gospel in the One Anothers. Pray that, as you continue through this Study, God would give you tangible, "real-time" opportunities to exercise the Biblical truths and spiritual principles you engage throughout.