

Small Group Discussion Questions

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One – Part 3 One Church

Intro: 1 church in 3 locations. Those 5 words summarize NewPointe’s collective effort for maintaining a unity in purpose at all of our campuses. It sounds simple, but it’s far from it. In this series we’ll explore the details and specifics of what it means for NewPointe to become One; in Heart, in the World and as a Church.

Just For Fun:

1. Who is your *favorite sports team*?

Discussion Questions:

2. Have you ever been part of a group or team that was NOT *unified*? Describe your experience.

3. Have you ever been part of a *team* that accomplished something *together* which could not have been accomplished *individually*? Explain.

4. Identify a time you denied personal *ambitions* or *interests* for the sake of participating in a group effort. What did you choose to *give up*? What did the group *accomplish*?

5. Read John 1:14. In this message Dwight stated that as a church we must both *speak the truth* and *act in grace*. Identify some characteristics of a church that functions with *truth but not grace*. Identify some characteristics of a church that functions with *grace but not truth*.

6. Read John 17:21. Why do you think Jesus prayed for his followers to have *unity*? What would happen if they *didn’t have unity*?

7. God desires us to be passionate about *people* (Matthew 9:36), *giving* (2Corinthians 9:7, 8) and *serving* (Matthew 20:28). Which of these are you *most* passionate about, *least* passionate about, and why?

Verse to remember:

“I will build my church.” – **Matthew 16:18**

Thought:

“A world at its worst needs a church at its best.” – **Dwight Mason**