UNITED
A STUDY IN EPHESIANS

Week 3 "Connected" – What Do You Connect to Through the Church?
Pastor Jeff Little, September 26-27

TABLE TOPICS

- Select one or two "Table Topics" cards to discuss with your group. If you have a new group, feel free to discuss additional cards.

WARM UP

- Who are you connected to the most? (Think about individuals and groups.)

> *Ephesians 3:10 (NIV)*
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> *His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms…*

INTRODUCTION

Who we are connected to is important because it influences who we become. In Ephesians 3, Paul begins to talk about the Church and God's plan for the Church to be a place where divine connections happen. Let's discuss the importance of divine connections today, and how we can grow in those connections.

DISCUSSION

1. Read Ephesians 3:10. How does the Church display the manifold wisdom of God to the world?

2. What is the difference between the Church (with a capital "C") and the local church (lower case "c")?

3. What does the local church provide?

4. What has your experience with church been like in the past? Was it positive or negative? Explain.

5. Why are our connections so important, especially in times of crisis?

6. God's intentional plan was to create a Church of every culture, race, and background. Why?

7. Have you personally experienced "spiritual family"? If so, what has that been like?

APPLICATION

Take a moment to assess your closest relationships. Are they healthy or unhealthy? What can you do to grow more healthy relationships?

PRAYER

- Pray for everyone to grow in their relationships in your Small Group.

- **SERVE WEEK – Talk to the group about finding a need this week. Focus on "who."** Encourage everyone to ask God to show them someone with a need this week. It doesn't have to be something "big." It can be a coworker, neighbor, family member, or friend. Come back next week and discuss the people God shows you this week.

- Take prayer requests and pray for any needs in the group.

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