Deeper Application Message Guide

"Harmony & Rebellion"
Week of Aug 1, 2010

Small Groups
LIVE CONNECTED.

Getting Started

1) Define unity. What does it mean in your home, your job and the church? Is it everyone agreeing or something else?

2) When dealing with others what is your natural tendency when you are legitimately wronged or hurt by someone? Retaliate or investigate?

a) Which most characterizes the home you grew up in?

b) Which do you tend toward in your relationships with others?

3) When you think of a healthy relationship what does it look like. Is it free from conflict and disagreements?

a) What makes us at times quick to defend our argument and slow to investigate the accusations of others, even when the accusations are constructive? Why do we feel the need to be "right" most of the time?

b) Do you think God considers it rebellion to be "right" in the eyes of others rather than at peace with others?

Into the Bible

4) **Read Isaiah 5:20-21 & Romans 3:19-20**
In the Old Testament, the nation of Israel was infamous for rebelling against God's leadership. Each man did what was right in his own eyes and justified their actions and desires.

5) **Read Ephesians 5: 19-21**
What can happen to us when we don't allow others to keep us on track?
Why do we resist accountability when scripture warns us to submit to one an other?

6) Read **1 Peter 3: 8-17**
Why is Paul telling the church to live in harmony? What is the benefit to those live in harmony?

a) What would happen to the church and what could be accomplished if our daily lives reflected Paul's instruction in verses 8-17?

b) If we know what to do, why don't we do it?

Digging Deeper

7) Ask yourself this question: What is more important to you, being right or living in harmony? Christ was absolutely right, but submitted his right and changed the world forever.

Consider what blessings could you be missing out on because of your need to be "right"?