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**Teaching Outline**  
**The Church We Want to Be**  
**Week 1**

We aspire to \_\_\_\_\_ cultural and racial  
\_\_\_\_\_ !

**NLT John 17:21** My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father-- that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me.

Our unity stands as a \_\_\_\_\_ to the  
power of the Gospel

**Rev 7:9-10 (NLT)** <sup>9</sup> After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they were shouting with a mighty shout, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

Separating the body of Christ is like taking our \_\_\_\_\_ and  
separating it into \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Eph 2:14-16 (NLT)** <sup>14</sup> For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.<sup>15</sup> He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups.<sup>16</sup> Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

Jesus was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ for our \_\_\_\_\_ !!

**Gal 3:26-28 (NLT)** <sup>26</sup> For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.<sup>27</sup> And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Those baptized in Christ are no longer \_\_\_\_\_  
from one other

**Col 3:11 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup> In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

We need to get over \_\_\_\_\_ !!

What are the implications for LPCC??

One. We will \_\_\_\_\_ against anything that threatens  
our \_\_\_\_\_ !!

Two. We will embrace opportunities to be  
\_\_\_\_\_ outside of corporate worship

Three. We will embrace \_\_\_\_\_ diversity