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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) ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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) ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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) ²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸ 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) ¹¹ 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