

LIGHT THE WAY

SHINE BRIGHT FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

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UNITED AND SHEPHERDING

UNITED

- **What does biblical unity actually mean?**
 - Colossians 3:12-14 - *“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of **unity**.”*
 - The Greek here for unity means “perfection” and has also been translated “perfect harmony”
 - 1 Corinthians 1:10 - *“I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be **united** in the same mind and the same judgment.”*
 - The Greek here for united means “complete or restored”
 - Why were there these divisions? Leadership! Some of Paul, of Apollos or of Cephas
 - John 17:23 - *“I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in **unity**, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.”*
 - The Greek here for unity simply means “perfectly one”
 - Why have unity? So that the world may know Jesus! This all has a profound purpose.
- **Better Together**
 - We are united to survive the storms
 - We are united to be strong
 - We are united to make an impact on the world for Jesus
 - We must be willing to sacrifice to be united

SHEPHERDING

- **What does shepherding mean in the Bible?**
 - John 10 · 1 Peter 5 · Ephesians 4
- We are all ministers of the gospel - we all shepherd one another.

NEXT STEPS

1. **Donate, volunteer, or join us for Light the Night.** Light the Night is a big 10-acre party for the whole family with fun attractions, good food and music, and it wouldn't be possible without help from our Calvary Church family! Here are some ways you can get involved:

Donate: We need lots of candy and cupcakes to give out at Light the Night. You can help by picking up a donation item card at either of the Light the Night Donation Stations in the Lobby. Purchase the item on that card, and bring it back to drop off on a Sunday in the Lobby, or to Calvary Town or the Church Office during the week.

Volunteer: Volunteers are needed in all areas during both shifts (5:15 - 7:00 pm & 7:00 - 8:45 pm) to help staff Lil' Light the Night, greeting guests, security and other areas. Sign up in Children's Ministries during the week, or in the lobby on Sundays. You may also contact us at 714.550.2348.

Invite friends and join us! Use the invite card in the bulletin today - or get more from the Lobby - to invite your friends and family to join us for this incredible evening of fun that's free and safe for the whole family! Then join us from 5:30 - 8:30 pm on Tuesday, October 31! Learn more at calvarylife.org/ltn

2. Visit the **NeighborGood** table in the lobby to volunteer to serve at this event on November 11. NeighborGood is a special day dedicated to serving our Orange County neighbors through intentional acts of service, with no strings attached. Learn more at calvarylife.org/neighborgood
3. Spend some personal time praying for the unity of Calvary Church. Then consider who God has called you to shepherd toward Jesus.

LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of unity? What do the three Bible verses listed show you about what unity is and why we need to be united as a church?
2. What steps can we personally take as individuals, as a LifeGroup and as a church to be more united?
3. What are the traits of a good shepherd found in John 10? What do you think is your role as a shepherd?