

Grace Group Study Guide
Hashtag- Week 1: Series Introduction and the Church
John 17:20-23

1. Hashtag:

- How can many people look at the same concept in a different way and not pervert the truth of God? Can there be vantage points in truth that do not diminish truth? Why or why not? What examples can you think of?
- 1 Cor. 1:10. How can we attain the same mind and same judgment? Why is this so important within the church?
- In your own words, define the church. Share your definition with each other. What similarities exist? What differences? How might they be vantage points that do not diminish truth, but provide a robust understanding of the church?

2. The Church:

- What is the household of God? (1 Peter 2:4-5)
- What is the church of the Living God? (Matthew 16:18) How can we understand the church in light of Jesus teaching on confession?
- How is the church called to be a pillar and buttress of truth? (Eph. 4:15-16)
- How are we called to be pillars of truth? How does this challenge each Christian to take personal responsibility for their discipleship? (Gal. 2:7-10) What does it mean to be entrusted with the gospel? (2 Cor. 5:16-21)
- What might it look like to be a pillar in the church today? How might we understand what it means to bear witness to and bear the weight of God's truth?
- Collectively, as the church, how are we called to safeguard God's truth?
- How did the early church devote themselves? (Acts 2:42) How would these areas of devotion help the church be able to safeguard God's truth?
- 2 Tim. 4:3-4. Why is it important that the church be a buttress of truth that is comprised of individual pillars of truth? What is at stake?