

Week of August 15th 2021 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups

We are OHANA Series I What It Means to Be Church

Overview

What does it mean to **be** the church? We begin a new series on the church and the family of God through the book of Ephesians in order to grow as a holy and radiant church that brings glory to God and shines His light of truth in our community and across the nations.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What is your earliest memory of church?

Ohana Time! Act out one of the metaphors of the church found in Ephesians (ex. create a human pyramid, create body armor out of cardboard).

BIBLE: Read the selected verses from Ephesians below

- What are your top five favorite things about church?
- How has the church been a source of joy and blessing during COVID?
- Temple of Holiness (2:21)
 - The temple is built on the foundation of apostles and prophets (verse 20). What heritage/history is our church built upon?
- Body of Christ (3:6)
 - In what ways is our church diverse? Why is unity important as the body?
 - What part of the body do you consider yourself to be? Why?
- Bride of Christ (5:32)
 - God prepares and sanctifies the church that he might present it to himself as radiant and pure. In what ways can you prepare "yourself" and the "church" as Christ's bride?
- Army Against Evil (6:11)
 - What challenges does the church face today? What kind of "weapons" or "defenses" are necessary to fight evil as God's army?
- What other words would you use to describe the church or what do you visualize when you think of the church?

APPLICATION

1. In light of the different descriptions of the church, how can your Ohana Group be a tangible expression and extension of the church?
2. Make an acronym for the word "CHURCH" together! (ex. C = community)
3. Who is one person you can invite to church this week? Pray for that individual and invite them to Sunday service!

PRAYER

1. Pray in groups of 2-3: Pray that our church will become a radiant and pure church as the bride of Christ, filled with God's love and light.
2. Pray in a large group: Pray for the "local" church (our church, churches on Oahu) and the "universal church" (believers around the world).

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