st james in the city

BIBLE STUDY 1 – Live as a Community



Worship

We Bow Down (CD)



Fellowship

When you think of TV gossips which characters come to mind? Has anyone got a story to share about how gossiping has got them in trouble! (Chinese whispers)



Discipleship

DVD. Neil talks about the need to protect the unity of the Church

- By acting in love towards other members
- By refusing to gossip
- By following the leaders
- By living a Godly life

Any questions about Neil's talk?

Read and Reflect: Ephesians 4: 17-32

Use any of the following questions to help you as a group to get to grips with what this passage means for your group today

- What are your initial reactions to this passage?
- Why do we find v 25 and 26 so difficult? Have you ever made an excuse for not doing something rather than just admitting you haven't done it?
- V 26 talks about not letting the sun go down on your anger. Are you good at resolving conflict or do you try to avoid it?
- V 29 has two parts: which do you find easiest? When was the last time someone said something encouraging to you? How did it make you feel?



Evangelism

Think back to Neil's talk. Why does Jesus pray for 'unity'?



Ministry

- What is the difference between sharing and gossip?
- Thank God for the times you have been encouraged
- Pray for unity in St James Church