



# VALLEY REAL LIFE

Uncommon | Uncommon Unity

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## **Last Week**

Have you thought of yourself as uncommon from last week's lesson?

## **Opener**

Have you ever been part of a team, club, or group that was so focused on something, that the team or group truly was more important than the individuals who were on or in it?

## **Questions**

Why do you think that the subject of unity was important to the teachings of the early church?

Have you ever been part of something that was destroyed by disagreement? When you look back at it, what were some of the things that took place during this time? (Behaviors for instance, things that were said) How hard was it, if it ever happened, to resolve and unify after such a thing took place?

What do you think causes lack of unity in the church? Is it the surface issues (bible translations, worship services) or something else?

Pretend that VRL was the "Perfect church". Describe what that would look like, including the point of view of those in the surrounding area who are not part of VRL.

What is preventing us from getting closer to the church you just described?

## **Apply SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) to:**

Philippians 2:2 (NIV)

...then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

- *Read the verses out loud together,*
- *Share your observations,*
- *Discuss Application*
- *Close in Prayer*

## **Next Steps:**

What is your next step to take when it comes to unity?