

# **Heading Home: A Study in 1 Peter**

**"THE MARKS OF A UNIFIED CHURCH: PART 1" (1 Peter 3:8-9)**

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**Redeemer Bible Church**

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**I. Be \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(1 Peter 3:8, John 17, Matthew 10:34-39, Ephesians 4:12-14, 1 Timothy 4:16, Romans 16:17-18, 1 Timothy 1:3)*

**II. Be \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(1 Peter 3:8, Romans 12:15, Hebrews 4:15)*

**III. Be \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(1 Peter 3:8, Galatians 6:10, John 13:34-35, Acts 15:36-41)*

**IV. Be \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(1 Peter 3:8, Luke 10:33, Luke 15:20)*

**V. Be \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(1 Peter 3:8, Philippians 2:3-8)*

**VI. Be \_\_\_\_\_**  
*(1 Peter 3:9, Romans 12:17)*

*Our goal every Sunday is that you (1) understand the passage better, (2) be equipped to live out the passage & (3) stand in awe of Jesus.*

### **Growth Questions**

These questions are to help you apply Sunday's message to your life and to help others – like those in a Growth Group – do the same. Can being honest and vulnerable about your life be intimidating? Is it OK to struggle and have real questions? The answer to both questions is “Yes.” So, a Growth Group is meant to be a safe place where we help people know, love and serve Jesus better. If you're not in one, fill out a Connection Card & drop it in a giving box. If you missed this or any message, you can go to our website, iTunes or our YouTube page.

### **Getting Started**

1. Out of the six marks of unity we covered in this sermon, which one(s) do you find most natural for you? Which one(s) do you struggle with and why?

### **Doctrinal Unity**

2. Unity can make or break a church. What are key doctrinal truths that a unified church should agree on and why?

### **Relational Unity**

3. Relationships are vital to maintaining unity and establishing truth. What are several ways that you can foster relational unity in the church? How do you build trust with people who share your beliefs but you may not know very well?

### **Digging Deeper**

4. Many of the marks we covered in the sermon would require great humility and great restraint. How do you balance that with our call as Christians to speak truth boldly and courageously? Read Romans 1:16, Ephesians 4:15, Acts 20:27, Galatians 1:10 and jot down some thoughts on these passages in relation to speaking truth.

### **Application**

5. Is there a person you need to talk with, an apology you need to make, or specific marks from our sermon you need to focus on this week? Pray, and act on your conviction to promote unity.

*Centered on Jesus / Focused on People*