<sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. 1 Peter 2:20 For what credit is it, if when you do wrong and are beaten for it you take it patiently? But if when you do right and ■ suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. A Kingdom of Priests--\_\_!! 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

#### Key: page 2: Love; Unity; page 3: Hope. Page 4: You.

#### The Local Church

Multiply—Week 5

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Matt. 28:19-20 As you are going, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you to the close of the age.

**Multiply: a Team Sport** 

"His plan of redemption involves the church working in unity to reach the people around you." - Francis Chan

Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

## Known By Our Love.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Romans 5:5 God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

1 John 4:19 We love because He first loved us.

# - A Compelling Community: <u>Unity</u>.

John 17:20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

- <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
- The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,
- <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

### A Suffering Community: <u>Hope</u>.

■ 1 Peter 3:13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;