



# TOGETHER IN THIS

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This Eastertide we each have the opportunity to take part in our "Together in This" campaign. For 8 weeks we are going to share the stories of our community. We're going to celebrate the profound life change experienced here at Forefront, and we're going to highlight the ways that new stories can and will be created.

## WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW IT?

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Our church community has changed the lives of hundreds, maybe even thousands of people, because of the grace and generosity given through the committed people of our church. We want to continue to do this work for years to come, but we need resources to make it happen.

## WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

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Give of your resources as a testament to God's grace in your life so others can experience that same grace within community. Give a generous one-time gift or set-up a recurring gift to help us reach our goal of \$250,000 by May 22.

## OPENING QUESTION:

What issues do churches divide over today, and with what negative results?

## BIBLE STUDY:

Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

### Thoughts & Questions for Discussion:

How does Paul demonstrate in 1:1-9 that Christ is involved in the Corinthians' past, present, and future?

On what basis were the Corinthian Christians creating divisions, and why was this so destructive?

What are ways we can be a different kind of church instead of a divided church?

## CLOSING PRAYER:

Lead your group through this method of prayer.

### Silent Unity Prayer

First, focus your thoughts on the Spirit of God within you. In some languages the words for *spirit* and *breath* are the same.

Concentrate on your breathing. Breathing in the light of God and breathing out the peace of God.

If you find your thoughts wandering, concentrate on the words *light* and *peace*, breathing in on the word *light* and breathing out on the word *peace*.

Next, spend time in silence. Continue to breathe. Allow this to be a time of stillness and listening. You have quieted your own inner thoughts by focusing on the Spirit of God within you, being open

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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For more info or to RSVP to any of these events, go to [forefrontnyc.com/calendar](http://forefrontnyc.com/calendar)

4/21- Leadership Community

4/25 - Passover Seder

5/11 - Game Night at the Kenmore

5/13 - Together in This Gala

5/14 - Good Sense equip course

to God's voice. Imagine the peace of God you are breathing out extending to the others in your group. Be unified in your collective connection to God.

Close the group with this prayer:

**Thank You God, for being bigger than we are. Thank You for Your wonderful kindness and the wideness of Your mercy. Thank You for allowing our limited and sometimes misinterpreted experience still to be a revelatory place for You. Let us carry Your Spirit within us into our daily interactions.**