

Unity

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me."

John 17:20–21 (NLT)

Week 6 – Unique experiences

"Some wandered in the wilderness, lost and homeless. ¹⁰ Some sat in darkness and deepest gloom, imprisoned in iron chains of misery. ²³ Some went off to sea in ships, plying the trade routes of the world."

Psalms 107:4, 10, 23 (NLT)

"My brothers and sisters, when you have many kinds of troubles, you should be full of joy..."

James 1:2 (NCV)

1. **S** _____.

A. **I** _____.

"Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. ³³ In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door."

Matthew 24:32–33 (NLT)

B. **E** _____ / **U** _____.

"This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings [experiences] we do, yet he did not sin."

Hebrews 4:15 (NLT)

C. **I** _____ **Circle**.

2. **W** _____.

A. **I** _____ **Bias**.

"When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" ⁷ "I can't, sir," the sick man said, "for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me."

John 5:6–7 (NLT)

"When Jesus saw this, he said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God! ²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" ²⁶ Those who heard this said, "Then who in the world can be saved?"

Luke 18:24–26 (NLT)

"Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" ³ "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him."

John 9:2–3 (NLT)

B. **A** _____ **Creep**.

"It is useless for you to worship me, when you teach rules made up by humans." ⁸ You disobey God's commands in order to obey what humans have taught."

Mark 7:7–8 (CEV)

C. **A** _____ **Requirements**.

"The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'"

Luke 18:11–12 (NLT)

3. **A** _____.

A. **God's A** _____.

"Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. ²⁷ Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important."

1 Corinthians 1:26–28 (NLT)

B. **God's P** _____.

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

C. **God's W** _____ . 1 Corinthians 10:1–7, 11–12