

TGETHER WITH ONE A C C O R D

ENGAGING

Prayer:

Father, teach us to be quick to listen and slow to speak. Create within us the desire to center down so that we may hear your still, small voice. Give us the desire and focus to clear away the distractions so that we can hear you as you whisper our name and, in doing so, remind us what really matters and of our worth and value to you.

In our dealings with others we want to be quick to listen and slow to speak. Give us ears to hear and eyes to see others as you do. Make us aware of those in our sphere of influence that need your grace and mercy this day. Show us how to extend your love in ways that will draw people into your presence.

We are challenged by the thought that we are to mirror your unconditional love. This is not possible without giving your Holy Spirit free reign within us to stir our hearts.

May we embrace others in your name and for your glory. Amen.

Reflection and Practice

- Give someone your undivided attention today through eye contact, pulling away from devices or other distractions. Talk less and listen more.
- What is one thing you can do to help someone feel valued today?
- Are there areas in your life where you are too self-reliant? Why do you think that is? Is there an area where you can be more engaging with others for the Kingdom of God?