LIFE Talk • November 4, 2026

"...THAT THEY MAY BE ONE." JOHN 17:21

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THEME • ONE in Christ

LIFE TALK • A Gospel for EveryONE

The Gospel is not meant just for some people—it's for everyONE. Dr. Karoline Lewis explores the expansive, inclusive nature of Jesus' message and challenges us to consider what it means to be a community where everyone can encounter the love, grace, and healing power of Christ.

PRESENTER • Dr. Karoline Lewis



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LIFE Group Sheet

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GETTING STARTED

Share in a spiritual practice, discuss an igniter question, and/or begin with prayer.

Creator God, thank you for the opportunity to gather with each person here, to grow in faith and knowledge together, and for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Bless our time, our conversation, and how we care for one another. Amen.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Briefly share (in pairs or 3s) your initial reaction to what you heard in the LIFE Talk. What stood out to you? What is stirring inside of you? What are you thinking, feeling, or wondering about?

DIGGING DEEPER

- What difference does it make in your life of faith that Jesus needs your witness of God's love in the world?
- John 3:16 is probably one of the most famous Bible verses. How do you interpret this verse differently when it's part of the larger story of Jesus told by the Gospel of John?
- What is God calling you to leave behind to live with purpose, courage, and joy?

CLOSING PRAYER

Offer a prayer to draw your time to a close, using one of your own or the one below.

God of wisdom and beauty, thank you for this time together. Help us as we live out our faith this week and share what we have learned. Make us instruments of your peace and healing love, as we grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

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