



Sermon Discussion Guide

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“Unity”

Ephesians 4:1-16

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Ephesians 4:1-16. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Can you recall a time in your life when you experienced the blessing of unity? Can you recall a time in your life when you experienced the ugliness of disunity?
- 2 Summarize the *Big Idea* of the sermon in *one phrase or sentence* (Note: this is not the same as listing the main points). In other words, if someone woke you up at 3am on Monday morning and asked, “What was the sermon about on Sunday?” what would you say in the midst of your sleepy haze?

UNITY IN THE ESSENTIALS WE HOLD

- 3 How do you know when something is indifferent, important, or essential? Can you give an example of each?

- 4 What are the seven fundamental unities that Paul lists in Ephesians 4:4-6? Which one of these unities have you been guilty of forgetting?

UNITY IN THE GIFTS CHRIST GIVES

- 5 Every member of the body of Christ has a spiritual gift. What do you think is your spiritual gift? How do you know? How might God desire to use you in your weakness to bless others?
- 6 What is the Biblical job description for a pastor? What is it not?
- 7 You are a minister. What is your area of ministry?

UNITY IN THE GOAL OF GROWTH

- 8 In your own words, what does it look like to be “mature” in the faith?
- 9 How do you discern between good teaching and bad teaching when it comes to TV, the radio, books, and preachers?
- 10 Why is love the ultimate barometer for measuring a church’s growth? How does a church become more loving?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?