

UNITY

Ephesians 4:1-6

1. JESUS IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR UNITY
2. UNITY TAKES WORK
 - HUMILITY
 - GENTLENESS
 - PATIENCE
 - ACCEPTANCE
3. UNITY IS NOT OPTIONAL

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. What's the best example of unity you've ever seen?
3. How have you thought about church unity in the past? Did this week's teaching change the way you think about it in any way?
4. The church is made up of all kinds of different people that are unified in Jesus. What are some differences between the idea of unity and uniformity? What are some ways that our differences can actually make us better as the church?
5. Why do you think it's important that we recognize that Jesus is the foundation of our unity?
6. Being unified with other people isn't easy. It takes work. The four attitudes that we looked at this week that are vital to unity are humility, gentleness, patience and acceptance. Which of these is most challenging for you? Which is easiest? How do we grow in these areas?
7. This week we talked about what it means to show humility and how that contributes to unity. What are some ways in which you might be struggling with practicing humility in your life right now? How can remembering that Jesus was falsely accused and willingly paid the price for our sin help us grow in humility towards others?
8. For the Christian, unity is not something that is optional. Jesus actually said that if we live as one that people will see that He really is who He said He is and they will understand the love of God better. What are you currently doing to promote or build unity in the church? What are you doing or not doing that might be causing disunity?