

### **Ephesians 4:2-4 New Living Translation**

**2** Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. **3** Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. **4** For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

### ***Discussion/Journal Questions***

What is your favorite sports movie of all time? Why do you think sports movies are so moving?

In your own words, why is unity in the church important? What are the dangers of disunity?

What are some of the causes of disunity in the church? Have you ever been part of a church that underwent a period of disunity? What happen thoughts and feelings do you associate with that event?

Read Genesis 1:27. What is our foundation of unity? How can we avoid the temptation to dehumanize others during conflict?

In the movie, Hoosiers, Rade, refuses to follow the team strategy and does his own thing. How do we do the same thing in church?

Read Galatians 3:28. In your own words, what is Paul saying here?

Read Romans 12:4-5 and Romans 15:5-6. What two images does Paul use here to describe unity in the church?

How does disunity in a physical body affect that body? How does disunity in a choir affect the sound it makes?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a. How can we use this passage as a model for dealing with differences within the church?

Is there a brother or sister in the church that you need to forgive or seek forgiveness from? How can your group encourage you to pursue reconciliation this week and hold you accountable?

**Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**

**Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?**

**Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**