

Group Discussion Guide

Week of April 30, 2023

Ephesians 4:3-6 – United In Christ

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Besides your spouse, who is someone you have had a close-knit relationship with?
- What created that sense of strong relationship?
- Was that tight relationship ever tested?
- How did the relationship survive?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

All Christians have been united in Christ. Now we need to make sure we keep that unity.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

- Other than your fellow Christians, what relationships do you work hard at keeping unity?
- Why do you work hard to keep unity in those relationships?

Read Ephesians 4:3-6

- Why do you think Paul exhorted us to “keep” the unity, rather than “create” the unity?
- Why do you think it is important for us to understand our Christian unity is not something we created, but it's something that God created for us?

- Can you share a time you felt Christian unity with a Christian you just met? Were you surprised at how close you felt with them so quickly?
- Why do you think Christian unity is worth working hard to keep, or regain?
- Have you ever had issues with church people or an organized church? How did you deal with it? How did you move past that?

Read John 10:10

- Apply this verse to UNITY with other Christians...
 - What is Satan's for our unity with other Christians?
 - What is Jesus' goal for our unity with other Christians?
 - How can we mistakenly make ourselves an ally with SATAN regarding unity with other Christians?
 - How can we cause ourselves to be an ally with JESUS regarding unity with other Christians?

Read John 13:35 and Matthew 5:44

- How can holding grudges against other Christians make us an ally with Satan?
- How can forgiving Christians who have wronged us make us an ally with Jesus?

Read Psalm 133

- According to this Psalm, what is the result of unity with other believers?

BRINGING IT HOME

- Take a moment and consider any Christian you are struggling to be united to
- Ask the Lord to show you what you can do to regain or keep that unity.

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