



PART THREE: ONE TEAM, ONE FIGHT

There are few things worse than failing to read the fine print! Why are we studying this little book? Because when we said, “Yes” to Jesus, many of us didn’t realize that within the “fine print” of faith is the reality of spiritual battles. The good news is that we are in this together.

BIG IDEA: People aren’t the problem. People are the purpose!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who gets on your nerves the most in our group? **JUST KIDDING!** However, tell us about how you may have avoided someone in the past because you felt like there was no way to overcome the conflict?
2. What impacted you the most from this week’s sermon? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
3. Paul’s admonition for unity was backed by his prayer for the people within his own sphere of influence—he practiced what he preached. Read Ephesians 3:14–19. What does this teach you about how to pray for others?
4. With your Bible or Bible App, read Ephesians 4:12-16

12 Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. 15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. 16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:12-16 (NLT)

5. Reflect on your current level of engagement in the local church. Share some ideas to increase your level of engagement.
6. Read Ephesians 4:1–6. How do the attitudes listed contribute to unity? Is it possible to be unified without these adopting these attitudes?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, take time to personalize and pray Ephesians 3:20–21 over yourself and your family, asking God to do “far more abundantly” in your/their lives!

CHANGING YOUR MIND

20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen. - Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)