

*“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority*

**“Therefore, Gather: Show Up On Sunday!”**

Ephesians 4:2–6  
The Lord’s Day Morning  
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First Bible Church exists to glorify God by helping people know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ. This mission will never change. But being a disciple requires constant learning. Over time, we can get lost in the glorious details of God’s Word and make following Christ more complicated than it should be. While following Christ is always hard to do, it should always be easy to understand. So let’s keep it simple, return to some fundamentals, and focus on a three-stage approach to becoming, and making, disciples.

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1. Two things healthy churches have in common: doctrinal \_\_\_\_\_ and relational \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Seven doctrinal bases for healthy churches (Eph. 4:4–6).

Because of our commitment to the authority of Scripture alone, we believe that all true Christians are in the same *body* (church family), empowered by the same Holy *Spirit*, clinging to the same *hope*, redeemed by the blood of the same risen *Lord* Jesus, being justified by the same saving *faith* in Christ alone, publicly declaring our allegiance through the same *baptism*, and submitted to the same *Father* (4:4–6).

3. Five character traits that guard church unity (Eph. 4:2–5).

1. Humility: I need my \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Gentleness: My church family \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Patience: I will be faithful to my church family when it \_\_\_\_\_ me!

4. Love: I will \_\_\_\_\_ for the good of my church family!

5. Diligence: I will guard the \_\_\_\_\_ of my church family!