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Bear with One Another #6 of 9 - Aug. 14/16

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  - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
  - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
  - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
  - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
  - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What resonated with you from the message? What did you find helpful or challenging?
3. Read the following bible verses and consider how each of them speaks to the issue of Christian unity:
  - 1 Corinthians 1:10
  - Colossians 3:13-14
  - Romans 12:16
  - Galatians 3:26-28
  - Matthew 23:8
4. How do you know if you are experiencing *Christian unity* with someone? What would that relationship look like, as opposed to the opposite?
5. What would be some important elements to pray when you are having a hard time bearing with (i.e. "putting up with") someone?
6. Discuss what is at stake when there is division between God's people. According to John 17:20-23, what is a primary reason that Jesus prayed for his followers to remain united?
7. At Sequoia we hold that in essential beliefs, we have unity; in non-essential beliefs, we have liberty; but in all our beliefs, we show charity. Which beliefs fall into the "essential" category? (See our "Core Beliefs" page on our website).



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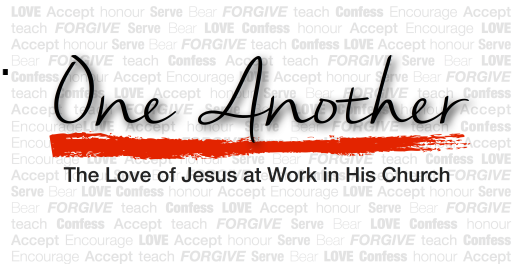
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# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### Bear With One Another

With Aaron Richert,  
Multiply Team Leader  
August 14, 2016



### The Love of Jesus at Work in His Church

Ephesians 4:1-6

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. <sup>2</sup>Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. <sup>4</sup>For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. <sup>5</sup>There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

### The main issue at hand: CHRISTIAN UNITY

Four characteristics that lead there...

-  HUMILITY
-  GENTLENESS
-  PATIENCE
-  FORBEARANCE

**Big Idea:** For UNITY'S sake, PUT UP with each other.




### The foundational ingredient: An attitude of HUMILITY.

*"Humility is the root, mother, nurse, foundation, and bond of all virtue."  
John Chrysostom*

Philippians 2:1-5

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? <sup>2</sup>Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. <sup>3</sup>Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. <sup>5</sup>You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

### Three Clarifications:

-  Christian unity does not mean complete UNIFORMITY.
- Revelation 7:9-10
-  Christian unity does not require for us to be "BESTIES" with everyone.
-  For Christians, unity does not come at the expense of TRUTH.

### Jesus' Prayer:

"May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me." John 17:23