

The Church ... a Master Planned Community
Unity... How to Get Along with Your New Neighbors (Eph. 4:1-6)
Small Group Study Questions for the week of March 15-21

Getting Started

Sometimes we have to work alongside people we do not know or agree with. It might be as part of a jury, work-related project, a school assignment or a committee. Describe a similar experience you have had. What was the outcome? What does it take for such a group to work well together?

Digging Deep

Read through Ephesians 4:1-6 together as a group

1. Paul urges us to “live a life worthy of the calling you have received.” What is the calling (vocation) Paul is describing? What was received? (Review Chapters 1-3)
2. What do you think a “worthy life” looks like?
3. How would living in a worthy manner lead to peace? How would living through the bond of peace keep unity in the Spirit?
4. To what do the following “ones” apply: Why the big deal about the “ones”?
 - a. One Body
 - b. One Spirit
 - c. One Hope
 - d. One Lord
 - e. One Faith
 - f. One Baptism
 - g. One God and Father
5. Paul wraps up the idea of oneness with the inclusiveness of God the Father with four “all” statements. What point do you think he is trying to make about God the Father here?

A Matter of Prayer

6. If the people of God would live in a “manner worthy” what difference would that make in our jobs? Our church? Our homes? What keeps us from living this way?
7. Why do you believe it’s important to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit? If we did this what might that look like at LakeView? In your family? How could it change the face of the Christian church? (i.e. less denominations, more interchurch cooperation, etc.)
8. If you treated your faith like a vocation or calling, how might your life look different?

Next Week: Ephesians 4:7-16