

## Community

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**Big Idea:** As a consequence of God's great plan of salvation and believers' new identity in Christ, Paul begins a series of admonitions... He starts with an appeal to maintain the unity that already exists in the one body God has created in Christ.

- A Lofty Call — Ephesians 1-3
  - *Experiencing the fullness of God's power in Christ*
- A Worthy Walk — Ephesians 4-6
  - *Expressing the fullness of God's power in Christ*
- **Protect the Unity (4:1-6)**
  - The means for maintaining unity (4:1-3):
  - The basis for unity (4:4-6):

Takeaways:

Next Sunday:

- Protect the unity (4:1-6)
- **Ponder your part (4:7-10)**
- **Participate with the parts (4:11-16)**

## GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Ephesians 4:1-6 (week of Nov 17, 2019)

**Spend some time catching up and talking story.**

**Spend some time in the text.**

- Read Ephesians 4:1-3. What is the "Therefore" there for in Eph 4:1? What does Paul, a prisoner for the Lord, urge us to do?
- How do chapters 1-3 prepare you to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called"?
- According to Ephesians 4:1-3, what 5 characteristics are evident in the believer who is walking in a manner worthy of the Lord?
  - How does each characteristic set believers apart from the world?
  - "with all humility and gentleness"
    - Look up Philippians 2:1-8 and define Jesus' humility.
    - What is the opposite of humility?
      - It has been said that "pride is behind every conflict." How do you see this to be true in your life?
    - According to 1 Peter 2:21-23 and Colossians 3:12-13, how would you define gentleness?
    - Why is gentleness a characteristic of one who is walking in a manner worthy of his/her calling?
  - "with patience"
    - Read Hebrews 6:13-15 and 11:7 and 11:23-27
      - Keep in mind that it took Noah 120 years to build the ark...
      - Describe how these men exhibited patience.
  - "by putting up with one another in love"
    - What does this look like in our relationships?
  - "by making every effort to keep the unity"
    - What does it mean to preserve unity?
    - Why does this take diligence?
- Looking back over these 3 verses, how does each characteristic build upon the other?

**Spend some time sharing and praying together.**

- Pray for each other.
- Pray for these characteristics to be true of us here at Grace.