



Sermon-Based GC Discussion Questions

9/15/2025

Title of Sermon: *Step-in-Step: The Cadence of Christlikeness*

Main Point of Sermon: *Because God has made us one people in Christ, we must walk step-in-step with our church family in the cadence of Christlike humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity.*

Launching Question:

- Our world feels so divided right now—politically, socially, and even relationally. In the middle of that, why do you think unity in the church is such a powerful witness
- If someone outside the church were to look at our relationships here, what do you think they would see that's different from the division and hostility in the world?

Primary Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6

Discussion Questions:

- In verses 1–3, Paul connects “walking worthy” with humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing with one another. Why do you think Paul emphasizes relational virtues instead of individual disciplines here?
- What does Paul mean when he says we are to “maintain the unity of the Spirit” rather than create unity? How does that shape our role in the church?
- Why do you think Paul ties patience so closely to bearing with one another in love? How are those two virtues connected? (Compare with Colossians 3:12–14. What does this passage add about forgiveness and love?)
- How does Jesus’ restoration of Peter (John 21) serve as a model for bearing with others in love?

Application Questions:

- When have you struggled to believe someone in the church could truly change? What does that reveal about your view of the Spirit’s work?
- Think of a current relationship in our church that is strained. What would it look like to show humility in that relationship this week?
- Where do you find yourself being more patient with yourself than with others? What does that reveal about your heart?
- Are there people in the church you tend to avoid because they frustrate you? How might God be calling you to repent and pursue reconciliation?
- Unity requires eagerness and diligence. What specific step can you take to maintain the unity of the Spirit this week?



- Jesus bore with Peter and restored him. Who might God be calling you to bear with and walk toward restoration, rather than write off?

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for humility, gentleness, patience, and love to mark our community so that we walk worthy of our calling.
- Pray for grace to forgive, bear with, and believe the best about one another, even when relationships are hard.
- Pray that our Gospel Community would shine as a credible witness of Christ's love in a divided world.