



Expectations of Members Answer Key

“I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Eph. 4:1-3

Signs of Dis-Unity

1. Comparison/Compromise

“That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. ² All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! ³ Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” ⁴ And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell face down in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. ⁶ Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes ⁷ and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. ⁸ If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

¹⁰ But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites.” Numbers 14:1-10

2. Coalition

“One day Korah son of Izhar, a descendant of Kohath son of Levi, conspired with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, from the tribe of Reuben. They incited a rebellion against Moses, along with 250 other leaders of the community, all prominent members of the assembly.” Numbers 16:1-2

3. Competition

*“They united against Moses and Aaron and said, “You have gone too far! The whole community of Israel has been set apart by the LORD, and he is with all of us. What right do you have to act as though you are greater than the rest of the LORD’s people?”
Number 16:3*



7 Attributes of 1st Century Church

1. Genuine Study
2. Shared in Fellowship
3. Commitment to Prayer
4. Submission to Proper Authority

“Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.” Philippians 2:14 – 15

5. Mutual Suffering & Support

“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.” 1 Corinthians 12:26

6. Heart for Worship
7. Evangelistically Minded

Stages of Unity

1. Happiness

“Leah’s servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. And Leah said, ‘Happy am I! For women have called me happy.’ So she called his name Asher.” Genesis 30:12-13

- Infant Stage: Leader is a Pacifier.
 - Concerned with Expedience.
 - Sees the church as a Consumer.
 - Church isn’t a Family but a Fraternity.



2. Harmony

- Teenager Stage: Leader is a Politician.
 - Concerned with Experience.
 - Sees the church as a Company.
 - Church isn't a Family but a Fellowship.

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:5 – 6

3. Holiness

“Prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.” And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as “temporary residents.” 1 Peter 1:13 – 17

- Maturity Stage: Leader is a Participant.
 - Concerned with the Essence; that genuine faith exists and is on display.
 - Sees the church as a Calling.
 - Church is solid and steadfast.

Church IS a fully functioning family living by faith.

“Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalms 37:4



Steps toward Unity

1. Prayer

“Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

2. Perspective

- Is my dissatisfaction about desire or doctrine ?
- Does my view point cause division or direction ?
- Can I communicate it with love or frustration ?
- Am I willing to submit and strive for holiness ?

3. Participation

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”

1 Peter 4:8

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34 – 35