

The Reality of Our *Unity*

Ephesians 4:4-6

The “What?” of Unity

- Paul lists seven ways in which we are unified:
 - 1) One body 2) One Spirit [*the Holy Spirit*] 3) One hope 4) One Lord 5) One faith 6) One baptism 7) One God and Father of all
 - Which of these stood out to you most and why?
- Knowing that we are united in these ways, how should it affect our relationships w/one another?
- Do you struggle with *individualism*? → Is unity with one another a high priority to you? Why or why not? (i.e. Too proud? Selfish? Fearful? Busy? Unaware?)

The “How?” of Unity

- In **Ephesians 4:2**, Paul gives several practical ways to walk in unity. What are they and *how do they help to promote our unity?* (See also, **Philippians 2:2-4**)
- Which of these qualities do you most see your need to grow in for the sake of unity?

The “Why?” of Unity

- According to Jesus in John ch. 17, what is at stake in our unity?

John 17:21 “that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. . . .23 . . . I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.”

- What testimony does our unity give to the world about God? What testimony does *disunity* give?

Prayer Topics:

- Pray that the Spirit would enable us to live out our unity in love, humility and patience.
- Pray that our unity would display Christ to the world.



