

A UNITED CHURCH IN A DIVIDED WORLD

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I. Unity in _____

II. Unity in _____

Jn 15:8

A. _____

Phil2:3

B. _____

Num 12:3

C. _____

I Cor 13:4

D. _____

III. Unity in **creed**

A. One _____

B. One _____

C. One _____

D. One _____

E. One _____

F. One _____

G. One _____ and _____

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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DISCUSSION

1. Read Ephesians 4:1.
A. How was Paul a prisoner for the Lord?
B. Are we prisoners/slaves for the Lord? If so, how? See Romans 6:17-18.
2. Read 1 Corinthians 7:23, 1 Corinthians 1:2 and 9, 1 Thessalonians 2:12, and Matthew 28:19-20. What is our calling as believers?
3. Read Ephesians 4:2.
A. Describe each of the four characteristics and give an example of how each might be lived out.
B. Pick a characteristic that you would like to see the Lord strengthen in your life.
C. Have you been the receiver or giver of one of these attributes this past week? Would you share your experience?
4. Consider Ephesians 4:3-6. Where should we draw the line on doctrinal differences that call for grace and those that require separation?
5. Read John 17:20-23.
A. What is the nature of the glory that Christ has given us?
B. For what purpose did Jesus share His glory with all believers?
C. How does our relational oneness persuade the world that Jesus was sent by the Father?
6. Read Matthew 24:9-14
A. What did Jesus say would be the condition of the world at the end of the age?
B. What is the importance of unity in the Church for us today in an increasingly divided world?

APPLICATION

Consider what the Lord is calling you to do to demonstrate biblical unity in your realm of influence. Write down and share your commitment with other believers, perhaps making a plan together to use your individual and combined gifts to influence the world.

PRAYER

The John 17 prayer of Jesus to the Father was for unity of believers. Will you make that your prayer today, agreeing with Jesus' petition? Ask the Lord for unity, not only within Bethel but between all Bible-believing churches, that the world may know that our Father in heaven sent Jesus and that He loves them.