

Sermon: Christianity and Unity.
Series: *Exploring Christianity*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-17
Date: July 25, 2021

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Read Ephesians 4:1 Paul mentions our call as Christians- What is our calling as Christians?
- b) In what way is our faith more than an individual faith but a corporate faith?
- c) Read Ephesians 4:2-3-- How does knowing that our unity is already accomplished encourage you? In what way has church unity given you hope?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Read Ephesians 4:4-6-- Why is unity such a big deal to God? How does knowing that you have union with a diverse yet united God encourage you?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Read Ephesians 2:13-16-- How did Jesus reconcile us to God and to each other?
- b) Read Ephesians 4:13-16-- How is our unity an expression of the glory of Christ? In what way does our unity bring about our sanctification?

APPLICATION

- a) What might Christ's own humility in you look like this week? Ask someone in your small group to tell you if there has been signs of gentleness and patience in your life. How can your small group actively maintain unity?
- b) Read 1 Corinthians 9:22-- How might you specifically become all things to all people?

FIGHTER VERSES: Ephesians 2:4-10.

PRAYER

Praise God for making us one.
Confess ways that we have sought to out work Jesus in maintaining our unity.
Ask God to help us maintain the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace.