

the Language of Belief

ALLEGiance

WISDOM

RIGHTEDNESS

UNITY

Reclaiming the Words
that Shape our Faith.

Life Group
Discussion
Guide

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Sermon Summary: This week's sermons focus on the word unity. Both pastors emphasize that unity is not the same as uniformity. In fact, unity is built upon our diversity. Our differences remain, but hostility gives way. As Pastor Elizabeth said, unity is the communal evidence of Christ's power within us.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul addresses several divisions among the early Christians and directs their attention—and ours—to the way Christ makes us one. He recalls how Jews and Gentiles had been enemies, divided by conflicting ideas about what qualified someone to be called a Christian. Jesus created one new humanity out of these two groups. This unity—this oneness—is the result of Jesus' reconciliation, through His death on the cross. Because we are reconciled to God, we are also reconciled to one another. Whatever disagreements we may have cannot undo the bond formed by the blood of Christ.

Conversation Starter: Do you have someone in your circle who cheers for a team that is your team's rival? How does that difference impact your relationship?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, open our eyes to understand the depth of what Christ has done to bring us near, both to you and to one another. Teach us Your peace and help us to see how You break down walls of division to make us one in Your family. Amen.

Read Scripture together: Ephesians 2:14 – 16

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What do I learn about God?
3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- When you think about unity in the body of Christ, what brings Christians together despite their differences?
- Based on the teachings of Ephesians, how can Christians allow their identity in Christ to shape the way they view and relate to people whose backgrounds, beliefs, or experiences differ from their own?
- Why is it important when thinking of “church” that we know and believe we’ve been joined together and are being built together with other Christians? Think of the Apostles Creed – the words “the holy catholic church.”
- Paul speaks of the dividing wall of hostility. What modern-day “dividing walls” exist in our society and how can we, as Christians, work to tear them down?
- If unity is the communal evidence of Christ’s power within us, what might our words and actions communicate to others about the reconciling power of Jesus?
- How would your relationships change if you truly saw fellow Christians as members of the same household and one body in Christ?
- What may God be asking you to change, do differently, repent of, pray about, as a result of engaging with this lesson?
- What words or actions can we practice this week to strengthen our unity as the body of Christ, especially with someone we may not naturally connect with?

Memory Verse: “And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.” Ephesians 2: 22

Closing Prayer: Almighty God, we thank You that Jesus broke down every dividing wall and brought us together by His blood, making us fellow citizens and members of Your household. Teach us to live out that peace, unity, and love in our homes, our church, and the world around us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.