

The Call to Unity
Ephesians
Study Questions

Paul urges us to live in unity even while acknowledging that it is not always easy to do so. Therefore, he reminds his readers of the foundation of their unity, addresses obstacles to unity, and expands on characteristics of unity.

Read Ephesians 4:1-6, 4:11-13, and 4:25-5:2, and John 17:20-23.

Questions for the text:

1. Review the foundation of our unity. What does Paul describe with the word “one” (verses 4-6)?

2. What are characteristics of living in unity (verses 2-3)? For further insight, read Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Thessalonians 2:6-7, Proverbs 15:1, Proverbs 19:11, and Matthew 18:21-2, 35.

3. What obstacles to unity are indicated in verses 25-32?

4. What does Jesus indicate is the purpose of unity (John 17:23)?

Questions for you:

1. How much importance do you place on oneness in your life? Does that reflect the importance that Paul places on it here?

2. When have you experienced these characteristics? Which of these characteristics are most challenging for you? How can you better reflect unity in your life?

3. Which of these obstacles tends to be a problem for you? How does Christ’s example encourage you?

4. How well does your relationships with others in the church fulfill Christ’s purpose for you? How does this passage challenge you?