
Study 9

How do we stay together?

Get Talking

1. Is unity always a good thing? Give a reason for your answer.

READ Ephesians 4:1-6

2. What is the calling that Paul urges the church to live up to? cf. Ephesians 1:3-14, 2:11-22
3. How is the church to conduct themselves in light of such oneness?
4. What example of perfect unity and relationships does Paul remind the church of in vs4-6? How is the church to reflect this?
5. Paul's reference to *unity* in verses 3 and 13 sounds contradictory. In light of the gospel and chapters 1-3, why is this not the case? What does Paul mean in each of these verses?

READ Ephesians 4:7-13

6. Would you say *uniformity* or *unity* is more important for the church? Give a reason and an example for your answer.

7. Why is diversity crucial within the church? How do you relate to others in light of this?

8. Which forms of Word Ministry does Paul list in these verses? Why do you think they are important for unity within the church?

9. What key role does community play with regard to church unity?

READ Ephesians 4:14-16

10. What danger is the church safeguarded against through maintaining unity?

11. What is the result of church unity?

12. Paul mentions *love* at the beginning and end of Ephesians 4:1-16. Why the emphasis on love? How does this play out in light of our Vision statement at Emmanuel Church and the unity we are to keep? Think practically.

Pray ... Take some time to pray through what the Lord has reminded, convicted, challenged and encouraged you by through this study.