

Getting Started

1. Was there any one thing that you most agreed with or disagreed with from last weekend's message? What was it and why?
2. This week, we discussed the fact that the hope of Christianity was something new to the world. How is Christian hope different than all other "hopes" (religious and irreligious)?
3. Author Luc Ferry says, "the idea of the equal dignity of all human beings" was first seen in Christianity. The themes that Paul is talking about became the roots that led to democratic governments, civil rights, abolition of slavery, etc. If the ideals of Christianity have led to so much good in the world, why is it that the world is largely hostile to Christianity?

Into the Bible

4. This portion of Scripture was another emphasis on unity. Here are a couple of passages talking about the "oneness" of the church. What sticks out to you in these verses about unity?

a. Colossians 3:11-15

b. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Connecting the Dots

5. Paul said he suffered "for the Gentiles". In what ways does being faithful to the gospel message cause suffering?
6. Have you ever suffered because you united with others who were different? If so, and you're willing to share, what happened?
7. What can you do as an individual to show that the Gospel is for all people? What can we do as a church to show that the Gospel is for all people?