

Getting Started

1. Have you ever observed Christ bringing peace among believers (whether in a church or home or some other social environment) who had serious differences of opinions or conflicts? If so, please share.
2. We learned in this week's passage that unity requires patience. What is one area of your life that you struggle being patient? If you are comfortable sharing, please do so.
3. If unity requires effort and "bearing with one another", what does that say about Christians? What can we expect from others in the church?

Into the Bible

4. In **Ephesians 4:3**, we are urged to "***maintain***" unity, but in **Ephesians 4:13**, we are to minister to one another until we "***attain***" unity. What is the significance of this difference? What does it mean that we maintain (what we already have), and also seek to attain (as if we don't have it)?

5. "Walking worthy" in Ephesians 4 is associated with harmonious relationships with others. Read **Philippians 1:27-2:11**. In this passage, what does it mean to walk worthy? What did Christ do that we are encouraged to emulate in order to be unified?

Connecting the Dots

6. We learned there are things that we must agree on (see **Eph. 4:4-6**), what are some of these things – things that love should confront if wrong? What are some examples of things that it's okay to disagree on – things that love should cover?
7. Unity requires diligence, humility and patience. Which of these do you think is the hardest to maintain and why?
8. Think of the power of peace as a witness to God's glory. What are some situations in which authentic peace might reflect the power and promise of the gospel?