

# UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

EPHESIANS 4:1-21

## 1 Why is unity important in a local church?

 Describe some of the characteristics of a unified church versus a divided church?

 What are some proactive steps members can take to bolster church unity?

 How can you contribute to the unity of the church?

## 2 On the one hand, unity is given by the Spirit, but on the other hand, unity is something that we must diligently work to maintain. What are some personal practices or group disciplines that would serve to preserve unity in the church?

 The attitudes of humility, gentleness, and patience are required for unity in the church. Which do you struggle with most? What passages of scripture are important to you in your pursuit of a Christ-honoring attitude?

## 3 How can our church welcome and unite people from diverse backgrounds? How can you contribute personally to these efforts?

 In Ephesians 4 there are seven statements that describe how Christians are one, and yet some still don't feel like they belong. What are some things that could help people feel more connected to the body of Christ?

## 4 How would someone know if they were using their gifts for personal enjoyment or promotion, instead of serving the body of Christ and leveraging them for the upbuilding of the body? What would misusing our gifts look like?

 What gifts do you think God has given you, and how could you potentially use them for the building up of the church?

