



Embracing Our Shared Destiny
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Scriptures: Ephesians 4:1-6, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

1. There are different centers of unity but only one that's centered on Jesus, who "reconcile(s) to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross" (Colossians 1:20). Where do we see other centers of unity (society, church, home) and how do they compare to the unity that Christ calls us to?
2. How does Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21 "set us up" for what he writes in Ephesians 4? In other words, how might we see the prayer at the end of chapter 3 answered in chapter 4 in the church and world today?
3. Of all the attributes the Apostle Paul could have mentioned, why do you think he's inspired to instruct that we must be completely humble and gentle, patient, and bear with one another in love? Is there significance in these qualities that are unique to the call for unity?
4. When you think about the year ahead, what do you imagine might bring opportunity for division? What do we need to watch out for so that we remember the importance of keeping the unity of the faith?

5. Are you experiencing Christ-centered unity in your group? What needs to be done to contribute to the unity of the body?

6. Consider ending your time by praying the Lord's Prayer together:

Our Father in Heaven

Holy is your name

Your Kingdom come, your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.