

Dig Deeper @Home – “Presents from Jesus”

Complement to lesson on 12/22/24 – “His People (pt 1)”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. What was the best Christmas you can remember? What made it so good?
2. What comes to mind when you hear the word “unity”?

MEMORIZE – Ephesians 4:7

“However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ” (NLT)

READ – Ephesians 4: 1-16

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - c. What in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
 - d. What are the verses revealing about God? What are the verses saying about people?
2. Compare Ephesians 4:7 with 1st Corinthians 12:7.
 - a. What do you notice?
 - b. What does this mean for you?
3. Paul tells us to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called”(v1).
 - a. How does he define walking in a worthy manner?
 - b. What is the calling to which you have been called?
 - c. How do you know when you are walking in a worthy manner?
4. Re-read the verses again, slowly and contemplatively. What direct or indirect references to unity did you notice? Can you find more than 10? What is the Spirit saying? To you? To the church?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Tribond

Below are tribonds: sets of three words that can be connected in some way. Your goal is to find **ONE word** that connects the each tribond.

1. Book – Cell - Number	2. Head – Marching – Aid	3. Sauce – Seed – Core
4. Camp – House – Wood	5. Town – Work – Base	6. Foot – Snow – Room
7. Plug – Ring – Phone	8. Pig – Light – Fountain	9. Bell – Mat – Knob
10. Snow – Drain – Sand	11. Swing – Spare – Track	12. Chocolate – Maid - Carton

After playing, answering these questions:

1. Were all tribonds the same level of difficulty?
2. What did this activity force you to do?
3. How does this connect to what Paul implores the church in Ephesus about unity?
4. Consider unity in your home, your neighborhood, your workplace, your class. Is unity being experienced in these places? What can you do to bring about more today?

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8ByNT1m8V4>

Thorn and Thistle - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_sU-qyswXk

To Us a Child of Hope is Born - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvDBXPdfxGA>

Unity Hymn - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHaycytAxQQ>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us.

Sending prayer based on the message:

Holy Spirit, help us to walk in a manner worthy of our calling this week, with humility, patience bearing with one another in love, with an eagerness to maintain the unity of Spirit in the bond of peace. Help us to remember there is one body, one Spirit, one God and Father of all. Amen.