



Engaging in Unity | Ephesians 4 Lift | February 1, 2017

1. Unity is made possible by loving Christ.
(Ephesians 4:1, 17-24)

How do you stay healthy?

- Know Christ (verses 17-21a)
 - Knowing Christ (verses 21b-24)
2. Unity is protected by loving one another.
(Ephesians 4:1-3, 25-32).

What does this look like in our group?

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- Forgive quickly (verses 26-27)
- Share selflessly (verse 28)
- Speak positively (verses 29-30)
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Devotion Questions

1. Read Matthew 28:18-21 and Acts 1:6-11. These passages record what happened right before Jesus ascended into Heaven. What does it mean to be a witness for God? Witnesses share a story about what they have observed. If you were called to be a witness in a legal trial, you would have to answer questions and tell the story of what you had seen, heard, and experienced. How can we be a witness for God?

2. Read Acts 4:32-35. In these verses, Luke writes again about how the Church was living with all things in common. There wasn't a selfish spirit among them, but a generous one. How can you be generous with other believers? Think about it through different perspectives. How can you be generous with your money or possessions? What about with your time? How about with your words? Each of us is blessed in different ways to be able to meet needs in the Church. Where are you seeing needs in Cornerstone or within the Middle School Ministry where you are specially equipped to serve others?

3. The goal of the Church is to bring the most glory to God as we can. We can do this in many ways. First, we can worship him directly through praise like the believers did in Acts 2:47. Second, we can obey God with our lives. Another way is to love people how God wants us to. As we see in Acts 2, the Church grew in numbers as the people did these things. God worked through them and through the Holy Spirit to draw unbelievers to place their faith in Christ. Take a moment to evaluate your own life and think about the reputation you have. Is your reputation something that God is working through to draw others to Himself? Is there sinfulness or pride that is repelling people from Jesus?
4. Read Ephesians 4:25-31. How can you work to be more like Jesus in the following areas? Write them down beside each characteristic. Stop and pray for God to help you display these things in your life this week.

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