



We love when things are working in unity. It might be in our workplace, our favorite band, or when things in our church family are going well. We love the moments of connection with others because unity feels right and it's something we strive for. Paul longs for the church to be united in Christ and throughout this section he writes to that end. Paul encouraged the early church to: "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." He gave the church a greater vision of unity than they could establish on their own accord. Not only did he teach on unity but on using the gifts we have in God's family and growing in spiritual maturity.

1. Share about a time when you experienced a powerful moment of unity. It could have been at a sporting event, a concert, or another time when you felt 'in sync' with others. What made that experience so meaningful?
2. Read Ephesians 4:1–6. Unity doesn't just happen on its own, we don't drift into unity; we drift out of it. It takes intention and effort to stay connected. What are some practical ways we can intentionally pursue unity in our families, friendships, and church?
3. Paul invites believers to unity in the church, not uniformity. What's the difference? In the sermon we had a list of seven ways the church reflects the character of God when living in unity. Which one of those stood out most to you?
4. Read Psalm 133:1, John 17:20–23, and Colossians 2:2–4. Paul connected unity with our witness to the world. In what ways can division among Christians damage our credibility? Conversely, how can unity draw people toward the love of Christ?
5. Read Ephesians 4:11–13. Paul ties in unity and our spiritual gifts. How does discovering and using your spiritual gifts strengthen the church's unity and health?
6. Read these other passages on Spiritual Gifts: Romans 12:6–8, 1 Corinthians 12:4–11; 27–31, Ephesians 4:11, and 1 Peter 4:10–11. How have you seen people in our group use their spiritual gifts?
7. Ephesians 4:14–16. Neal said, "*We will never drift toward spiritual maturity.*" What are some practical rhythms that help you mature in your faith instead of drift? What are you currently doing to actively grow in your faith and not stagnate?
8. Looking back at the Big Idea — "*A healthy church grows in unity, serves with gifts, and matures in Christ.*" Use this to pray for our church as you close your time.