



GROUP QUESTIONS FOR JULY 26

Series: Church Life

Unity in the Body

Icebreakers!

1. Where do you feel that people are dividing from one another today? Is the spirit of division stronger or weaker than before – and why do you say?
2. Who do you know that does a great job at drawing people together, even across meaningful differences? How do they do it?

Growing Together

3. Take a moment to review Ephesians 1-3. What popular verses might you remember from chapter 2? What two groups of people has God brought together in Jesus?
4. Compare Ephesians 4:1 with Ephesians 3:1. What makes it look like Paul is picking up his train of thought again in chapter 4?
5. What would be important to you to tell others if you were writing from prison? What's so important to Paul as he's writing from prison?
6. Humility, gentleness, patience: what do these virtues have in common? What's the difference between having a little of these qualities and having them fully?
7. Jesus lived, died, and rose again to bring both Jews *and* Gentiles into Himself through the cross. Why is that so important to God? Why *isn't* it so important to many of us?
8. Paul's seven "one"s in Ephesians 4:4-6 show our real unity. It's impossible to be distinct! Do we ever try to replace any of these "one"s with another number?
9. God is over all, through all, and in all; He's the only God that exists, and He's meant for all! Who needs to hear that our God is the only God, and therefore their God, too?
10. **From the message this Sunday: What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? Where did you see the Gospel?**

Head, Heart, and Hands

11. How have we gotten away from thinking that Jesus Christ is for absolutely everyone? If we believed that, how would we be changed?
12. Do you want to draw close to people who are different from you—but believe in Jesus? Are other loves crowding out that love to be with different people who love Him?
13. How will you show how *valuable* it is, to God and in your own life, that Jesus died to bring very different people together, in Him?

Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore,

a prisoner for the Lord,

urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling

to which you have been called,

with all humility and gentleness,

with patience,

bearing with one another in love,

eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit

in the bond of peace.

There is **one** body

and **one** Spirit—

just as you were called to the **one** hope

that belongs to your call—

one Lord,

one faith,

one baptism,

one God and Father **of all**,

who is **over all**

and **through all**

and **in all**.

