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2 Aug 26 | Guard the Unity | Ephesians 4:1-6 | Nelson Schonfeldt

Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Life Group Questions

1. Conversation Starter: What's an example of irony, inconsistency or even hypocrisy you've found amusing?
2. Paul begins Ephesians 4 with our "calling" (what does this mean?) before he talks about our character. Why is that order so important? What happens if we reverse it?
3. Paul's first practical application concerns unity. Why do you think he starts there instead of holiness, marriage, parenting, spiritual warfare or some other need?
4. Paul lists humility, gentleness, patience and forbearance as the character traits that preserve unity. Which of these do you find most beautiful, and which the most challenging?
5. Ephesians reminds us that there is one body and one Lord. How should that shape the way we think and speak about other Bible-believing churches or Christian denominations? Where should we pursue unity, and where are there appropriate boundaries?
6. Paul finishes by reminding us of the seven "ones." Why do you think he ends with that?
7. This week you'll have opportunities to either "build or break" the unity of Christ's church. What is one practical way you can intentionally protect unity through your words, attitudes or actions?