

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 4:1-6
The Gospel Unleashed Part Five

*"Hold firmly that our faith is identical with that of the ancients.
Deny this, and you dissolve the unity of the Church."*

- Thomas Aquinas

1) Walk in a manner worthy of our calling. (Eph. 4:1)

- How would you define walking in a manner worthy of our calling? Why might a statement like this make some people uncomfortable? (See Philippians 1:27-30)
- How would you define your calling? (See Matt. 16:24-26)
- How do we attain and maintain balance of our calling and conduct? What things help you keep this balance?

2) The manifestation of grace provides the qualities that maintain peace. (Eph. 4:2-3)

- Paul listed four examples, which one is the hardest for you and which one is the easiest? How does the Holy Spirit work these qualities in our lives?
- What does it look like to be “eager” to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace? How does this call line up with Christ’s exhortation to the church? (See Matthew 5:1-12)

3) Unity is rooted in the oneness of our majors. (Eph. 4:4-5)

- How can we balance upholding God’s Word and maintaining unity?
- What things must we do to foster a culture of oneness?
- How can we maintain unity by focusing on the majors and not making the minors a major issue?
- How does the Word of God become a crucial foundation for clarifying the majors? (See 2 Timothy 3:10-17)

Close:

1. How are we doing in our spiritual formation?
2. Are we peacemakers or fellowship breakers?
3. How are we creating unity in the body of Grace?