

the book of EPHESIANS

LIFE IN CHRIST

TALK IT OVER

KEY SCRIPTURES

² Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³ Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. ⁴ For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

⁵ There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

Ephesians 4:2-6

²⁰ "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

²² "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

John 17:20-23

KEY QUOTE

The way we can truly be one is to recognize the Spiritual Gifts that He's given each of us and use those gifts to advance God's Kingdom together.

Trinity's Mission:

"Reaching People • To Equip People • To Reach People"

Select 1 or 2 questions from each section of this guide to lead your group or house church in a discussion. Feel free to adjust as needed. Each section is designed to follow each video segment of the message.

- **Video Section #1: Explore the Topic**
 - > Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking
- **Video Section #2: Explore what God says about the Topic**
 - > Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture
- **Video Section #3: Explore what we do with the Topic**
 - > Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps
 - > Pray it Out | Goal: Lift of prayers, petitions, and praises

Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking

- Give an example of a time when you had to work with other people in order to accomplish a goal.
- Have you ever participated in a Spiritual Gift Inventory? If so, what are your top 3 Spiritual Gifts?
- Why do you think it was so important for Paul to first talk about *individual salvation* before talking about *corporate unity in the church*?

Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture

- Read **Ephesians 4:2-6**; What are the characteristics Paul indicated we should have in order to experience "Unity" in the church? Are these characteristics important? Why or Why not?
- Read **John 17:20-23**; Knowing the church isn't perfect, what does "perfect unity" look like in the church?
- Understanding that the primary role of the pastor is to "Equip God's people to do His work," why or how did we get stuck believing it's only the pastor who should be reaching people?

Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps

- Remind everyone of the process of participating in the Spiritual Gift Inventory: **1.** Go to trinitynazarene.org **2.** Click on the "Spiritual Gift Inventory Banner" **3.** Verify your Email **4.** Take the Inventory.
- How likely are you to go through the process of the Spiritual Gift Inventory? Is there anything I can do to help or encourage you to go through this process?

Pray it Out | Goal: Lift up prayers, petitions, and praises

- How can we pray for you this week? Take notes and follow up next week.