



Part 5: Breaking the Church Bubble

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Ephesians 4:3-6

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The decisions that empower friendship and unity:

Connect with each other

Commit to each other

Celebrate vs. Compete

Called to the same mission

Other scriptures to consider:

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

- Psalm 133:1

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

- John 15:13

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. - Ephesians 4:29

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

- John 13:35

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. - John 13:14-17

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. - John 17:19-21

Next Steps

MISSIONS OFFERING: Today you have an opportunity to give toward our annual missions offering. Details about our 2017 recipients are on today's program insert. If God is prompting you to give, please use the blue envelope included in today's program, or choose Missions if you give online.

EASTER SEASON: Easter is just 4 weekends away, and we're focusing on two things as a church: inviting people and building volunteer teams to serve them. You can be part of both.

- Look over the volunteer insert in today's program and choose a time and place to serve
- Ask God who he would have you invite to an Easter service, and pick up and invitation in the Commons for each person he brings to mind. Make the invitation in person and give them the card as a reminder.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Who is your best friend? Why?
- 2) Have you experienced a moment of pure unity? Where, and what happened?
- 3) Who are you planning to invite for Easter? Will you pray for them right now?
- 4) Read Ephesians 4:3-6. What will you do this week to keep the unity of the Spirit?
- 5) Take a moment right now and pray for Pastor Bob, the staff team, and the family of Cornwall Church.
- 6) Did God do anything in your spirit as you prayed for another part of his family?
- 7) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?