

Church - Ephesians 4:1-16

First Thoughts

What does unity mean?

What unifies a city?

What unifies a nation?

What unifies a company?

What unifies a church?

Into the Passage

When we examine the history of the church, we can sometimes be confused and discouraged by the amount of denominations or stories of church splits.

What does it mean to have the church united?

Read Ephesians 4:1-16

In Ephesians, Paul writes to the church in Ephesus, and encourages them to maintain the unity. In verses 1 & 2, what actions does Paul encourage to them?

Why does Paul start with these actions? How do those things prevent conflict?

In verse 3, what does it mean to "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?" is unity something we create? How do we maintain the unity?

What are the "one" things that Paul lists out in v. 4-6?

Those are the foundations of Christian faith. Why does Paul remind the church of those things?

In verse 7-12 Paul begins to talk about some of the different giftings of people in the church. What is the purpose of the different giftings?

Who do we serve with those gifts?

What is the goal and mission that Paul says in verse 13. Why do we head towards that goal?

Who is the head of the church?

Moving Forward

What can you do in your church?

What struggles or frustrations do you have with your church at the moment?

How can this passage challenge your perspective?

Are you helping the body grow as it builds itself up in love?

Love Beyond

Think about the church that you are currently attending. Have you invested yourself into the believers at the church, or are you standing at a distance?

If you are challenged to get more involved with the people the church, write down some ways you can do that.

Reflect on Ephesians 4:1-6

SERMON NOTES