

### **The Heart of the Matter**

12. What Christlike attributes do you still need to work on with regard to verses 2-3? Which attribute is the most difficult for you to practice?

13. What can you do to be more zealous for keeping and maintaining the unity and peace of our church?

14. In what ways has God gifted you to help us grow as a church?

15. Along with developing your own spiritual maturity who else do you need to help in this area?



## **Life Group Study Guide**

**United in Christ**

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

**For the Week of August 7, 2022**

### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. What do the words unity, united, or unite mean to you?

3. What special abilities has God blessed you with to help bring unity in your home? In your workplace? In the church?

### Praises and Prayer Requests:

## Digging Deeper

4. What is the apostle Paul's situation in verse 1? (Acts 19; Ephesians 3:1; 4:1; 6:20)
5. In verse 3, what does it mean to be "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?"
6. What are the implications of Paul's assessment regarding the Gospel message with the use of the word "one" in verses 4-6?
7. According to verse 6, how do we have access to the grace of God?
8. What are the possible meanings regarding Paul's discussion of Jesus' whereabouts in verses 8-10? What is the likely timeframe of Jesus' descending and ascending?
9. The major implication of verses 8-10 is that when Jesus ascended He gave gifts to those who belonged to Him. According to verses 11-14 what was the nature and purpose of these gifts?
10. According to verse 15 why is speaking the "truth in love" associated with spiritual maturity?
11. According to verses 15-16 what is the ultimate goal of our spiritual growth and maturity? (Romans 8:29; 1 Corinthians 15:29; 1 John 3:2)