



#### IV. Closing Reflections on Core Seminar Class

- Through the church, God has chosen to display his manifold wisdom.

Ephesians 3:10: [His intent was] that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

- Our goal in this class has been to understand the opportunities and responsibilities that we have as church members to contribute to this awesome goal of displaying God's wisdom and glory through our unity.
- Two significant ways to preserve unity:
  - Preserve the Gospel message. (2 Tim. 4:3)
  - Love each other. (1 Cor. 13: 4-7)

Ephesians 4:1-6: "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

**Questions? E-mail**

## *Core Seminars—Living as a Church* **Class 13: Evangelism: A Harvest of Unity**

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### **I. Introduction**

- The church is the grand witness of Christ to a watching world.

John 13:35: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Acts 2:44, 47: "And all who believed were together and had all things in common . . . And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

- Purpose of class:
  - To consider the advantages of a congregational witness and how we can apply the distinctive benefits of such a witness to our life as a church.
  - To conclude this core seminar by reflecting on the church and our lives together in the church.

## **II. The Unique Power of a Congregational Witness**

### ***A. The display of unity among Christians.***

John 17:20-23: “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, *so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*”

### ***B. The display of love among Christians.***

John 13:35 (see above)

Matthew 5:16: “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

1 Pet. 2:12: “Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”

### ***C. As a church, we help each other witness.***

### ***D. A corporate witness glorifies God in a unique way.***

### ***E. Christians work together through the church for global missions.***

## **III. How can we be a Better Congregational Witness?**

### ***A. Expose non-Christians to our life as a church.***

- Welcome each other and visitors with Christ’s love.
- Invite non-Christians to church services.
- Think strategically about using the church body to witness.
- Use the various outreach ministries of the church to involve non-Christians with the church.

### ***B. Talk to non-Christians about our life in the church.***

- Initiate conversations that may lead to a discussion about church and the Gospel.