

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Ephesians 2:12-16, 3:10

Ice Breaker: Describe a unique friendship you have with someone who apart from the gospel might not otherwise share a friendship?

Ice Breaker: What is one evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does Ephesians 3:10 say about God's purpose for the church?
2. How did God accomplish unity in His church? What is the foundation of our unity? (see Eph. 2:12-16)
3. What makes the gathering of God's people (the church) unique from other gatherings the world can produce? What does the church offer that no other group of people can offer?
4. Name some ways the American church has struggled to display a compelling unity to a watching world?
5. How can we make sure that we don't create a church community that is "sub-Christian" and looks just like the world?
6. What sins might creep in that could destroy our unity in Christ? How does the idol of comfort propose a threat to a biblical unity in diversity in our church?
7. How does the vision of Is. 11:10 and Rev. 5:7-14, compel us to welcome all peoples into our fellowship? What's a practical first step you and your small group can make to work towards this vision?
8. What are takeaways from this series on *Biblical Unity in Diversity* that most impacted you? What principles taught from this series do you want to commit to memory?

Further Resources

- *The Compelling Community* by Mark Dever & Jamie Dunlop
- [*Finding the Right Hills to Die On*](#) by Gavin Ortlund (available at the Book Wall)
- [*How Can I Love Church Members with Different Politics?*](#) By Jonathan Leeman & Andy Naselli (available at the Book Wall)