

# SMALL GROUP Q'S

Practical Theology  
May 17, 2015  
Ephesians 4:1-6

- 1.) What has been the most encouraging or exciting thing you have learned in the first three chapters of Ephesians? What theological reality causes your spirit to soar?
- 2.) What “life-altering reality” (e.g. parenthood, allergies, glasses, first job) can you relate to?
- 3.) Explain the importance of the “Therefore” in Ephesians 4:1. What shift is Paul making?  
HINT: Remember that the “therefore” emphasizes the connection between the doctrine and duty, not the moving on from one to the other but that the “what to dos” are all connected to the “what is trues.”
- 4.) Are you naturally bent toward doctrine or duty, toward learning more or doing more? How do you see the need for both in your life?
- 5.) In what relationship(s) is unforgiveness, pride, or impatience causing you not to live out the unity that you have in Christ? How hard would it seem to change that relationship?
- 6.) How does the truth of the unity that we have because of Jesus help you look at that person or group of people differently? Does it change things instantaneously? What will be necessary for your long-term living out the reality of your unity that already exists?
- 7.) Have you ever been tempted to “give up” on the institutional church? Why were you considering doing so, and why did or didn't you?
- 8.) Explain how having a church made up of “natural enemies” allows us to display the love of God. Is that dynamic exciting, frustrating, or intimidating to you?
- 9.) Read John 17:20-23 together. How important does Jesus view our unity to be? Why?



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