

INSEPARABLE

Ephesians 4:11-16

The body of Christ is held together and grows...

- By the unifying power of the Holy Spirit.
- By the unifying power of our God given gifts.
- By the unifying power of God's Word.
- By the unifying power of love.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Ephesians 4:1 – 16. What are the main factors in establishing and maintaining unity in the Church? (see also Galatians 5:16 – 24)
2. How is unity maintained by such a diversity of gifts? Also spend some time talking about how God has gifted you personally and how you are (should) use those gifts in order to grow and unify the body of Christ. (Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12)
3. How do the gifts in verse 11 equip the body of Christ to grow and mature? How do they unite the body? Do you feel equipped by those gifts in our Church? Why or why not?
4. In some ways, the Bible that should be our treasure, has sadly divided many believers. Different doctrines, teachings, traditions, opinions and etc, have separated us from others. Yet vs 13 says we are to attain unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God. What needs to change among believers to make this unity possible?
5. If you are equipped and growing, how much and what kind of the ministry should leadership do vs the rest of us? (vs 15 and 16)
6. How can we, this week, as parts of Christ's body, start loving the other body parts just like our whole body would love and devote itself to our foot if it was weak or hurt?

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