



Walking Together | Ephesians 4:1-16 | October 8th, 2017

Warm Up: George explained the main point of Sunday's message like this: *“Walking together in Jesus leads to our maturity. We are already unified and none of us walks alone, for God has designed us to be together.”* Why is community and togetherness indispensable in living as an apprentice of Jesus? How have you experienced this statement to be true?

- ❖ Before you read **Ephesians 4:1-16** aloud, ask the Lord to open your eyes to the Scriptures. Ask Him to impress upon your spirit what you most need to hear today.
 - What impacted you most and why?
 - If we are going to walk in oneness, there are some personal prerequisites given in **v.2-3**. What are they? In your own experience, why would you say these are so crucial for Jesus-centered unity within the church?
- ❖ Prideful self-assurance and unforgiveness will sink unity within a church faster than anything. Two phrases we all must learn are, *“I’m not sure”* and *“I am sorry.”* Humbly expressing our uncertainties can be relationally liberating, as can admitting fault and asking for forgiveness.
 - Read **Ephesians 4:32** and **1 Peter 4:8**. How do these verses support the reality mentioned above?
 - Share in what ways prideful self-assurance or lack of forgiveness have eaten you up in the past? What is so dangerous about these?
- ❖ None of us grows to maturity apart from life with other believers. We are designed to be together as one body, with many parts. *“Jesus + Me”* never equals maturity.
 - Has pursuing authentic friendships in community been a normal part of your spiritual journey? Explain.
 - In your experience, what have been the most important ingredients to living in healthy Jesus-centered community? (Examples may include: bringing the truth of God’s Word to bear upon your lives, accountability, confrontation, godly examples you see in one another, truth-telling, prayer, etc.)
- ❖ In this life group, where do we most need to grow in our experience of community? (refer to the list above, or come up with your own examples).

Wrap Up: Listen to the Lord in silence as you close. Praise Him for your community. Ask Him to take your group deeper so that you may experience the fulness of a Jesus-centered life as you “walk together.”