



A 4-week small group that teaches you how to LIVE life as a Jesus Follower, establishing a relationship with Jesus and learn daily habits that will keep you in Christ and help you grow. Each week will cover a different topic and its very important that you attend each week.



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# THE GOSPEL-CENTERED LIFE

THE POWER OF ONE  
EPHESIANS 4:1-6

WEEK 13



**When God pulls us towards Himself  
He pulls us towards each other.**

I want you to think about this statement: there is beauty in diversity and power in unity. If you believe that, you know it is not an easy principle to live out because diversity often leads to division, and in the church, division leads to weakness. On the other hand, when the church is unified in the beauty of its diversity, there's not a stronger force on the face of planet Earth. Paul worked hard to unite the young church, a combination of Jews and Gentiles. Jews and Gentiles in the people in the early church couldn't have been more different. But Paul pressed them to understand their unity was not based on lineage or birthright, ethnicity or worldly interests, preferences or politics. Their unity was in the One, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And as the One pulled them toward Himself, He was pulling them toward each other. That demanded they live an ethic toward each other. This ethic is the key to real power in relationships. An ethic not found in society but only found in Jesus.

## **(10 min) OPENING PRAYER**

Pray that God will permeate your time with His presence. Ask God to empower you to make the Christian ethic for relationships real in your life..

## **(25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER**

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Based on these verses, what unites Christians? Do you think Christians in your life are focused more on these essentials to unite them or nonessentials? What are some of the nonessentials that Christians choose to divide over? Do you divide over these?

**God's gospel power is always pulling us toward Himself.**

2. What does society teach about being humble and gentle? Contrast that with what Jesus teaches us about being humble and gentle. Do you believe there is power in humility? How are you living out the ethic of humility and gentleness in your relationships? Be specific, giving concrete examples. How can you be more humble and gentle? Would people describe you as humble and gentle?

**You can't have unity without humility.**

3. When it comes to your relationships, how is there power in patience?

**You don't need more power; you need more patience. Patience will do what power cannot do. You don't need control, to be in charge, or to dictate the terms because God works as you pray.**

4. Based on the teaching, how is there power in agreement concerning the relationships?

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: **Matthew 18:19** "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

**EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER:** Spend time as a life group praying and discussing the key things that emerge from your discussion of this week's questions. Address the unnecessary divisions and choose humility, gentleness, patience, and love. Choose to be a force for unity and encourage others to do the same. Access God's power provided in unity through prayer and advancing God's mission.

## **(5 min) LIVE IT**

Be intentional about centering each day this week around the presence of Christ in your life. Begin each day in prayer and dedicate daily time to reading Scripture. Decide the ethic you are going to live as a Christian. This week, be a force for unity among God's people and encourage others to be the same.

