



# ephesians together

## Review

Initial comments, questions, and reactions about the sermon?

### Main Points:

1. **How we are the same?** 7 Ones - One body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, and God.
2. **How we are different?** We are not called to uniformity, but unity.
3. **Why it matters?** God made us like this to mature us.

## Reflect

Read Ephesians 4:1-16.

### Questions:

1. Do you ever feel insecure about your testimony or whether you fit in with other believers? If so, why or why not?
2. **Focus on verses 1-6. How we are the same.** Based on these verses, how are we the same? What do all Christians have in common? Why do you think we lose sight of everything we have in common? Then, read John 11:38-44 and Mark 5:35-43. How do these stories and Joe's testimony help you understand the unity we have in Jesus? How does this impact how you view other believers?
3. **Focus on verses 7-12. How we are different.** Joe used the comparison of a box of tissues to a jigsaw puzzle to show that we were not created for uniformity, but unity. What does that mean to you, and why is that distinction important? This unity shows itself in how our spiritual gifts work together to glorify God and make us more like Him. Go around the group and share the unique difference each person brings to the group. Help everyone come up with at least 1 thing, and how it helps strengthen the group.
4. **Focus on verses 13-16. Why it matters. Why does it matter that everyone is in community together using their gift? What's at stake?** On the flip side, what do you think happens to us and our church if not all the puzzle pieces are present? In reality, this isn't always easy. It is hard not to get frustrated and complain about others who are different than us. What helps us simply embrace our differences without complaining or gift-envy as Joe mentioned?

## Respond

Application.

Every Christian has a spiritual gift and should be using it to serve in some capacity here at CCC if we are going to be a healthy and thriving church. Two questions: Do you know your spiritual gift, and do you think you're using it? If people aren't sure, share this link or point them to the classes listed on the back (Spiritual gifts assessment- [cchapel.com/spiritual-gifts](http://cchapel.com/spiritual-gifts)). Also, Joe shared three things to think through: 1) listen to your heart 2) take opportunities and 3) watch for impact. How do those things help?

## Pray

Go around as a group and ask for prayer requests. Pray as a group together.

## *Dig Deeper*

If you have time.

Read Hebrew 10:24-25 and Romans 12:9-21.

### *Main Points:*

1. How do these two passages, along with Ephesians 4:1-16 help give a clearer understanding of how we are to treat other followers of Jesus? How can you use your spiritual gift to care for believers in these ways?
2. Why do you think caring for other believers and spiritual gifts are so closely related? Notice that Romans 12:9-21 comes right after Paul talks about spiritual gifts.
3. Why do you think verses 17-21 were included in Romans 12? When people wrong us, even other followers of Jesus, what should our response be? How does this connect with Hebrews 10:24-25?
4. What is the most difficult part of Hebrews 10:24-25 or Romans 12:9-21 for you to follow? Why is that? How can you grow in this area and be more obedient to God?

## *Announcements*

Please share with your group!

1. **CCC 101:** The vision of CCC is threefold: we desire for people to know Jesus, grow in him and serve him daily. To discover what that means, get familiar with our church doctrine, and become a member sign-up on Saturday, October 20th from 8am-3pm. Register at [ccchapel.com/CCC101](http://ccchapel.com/CCC101).
2. **Serve 101:** For current members of CCC, we have made the three parts of CCC 101 available to take separately, including Serve 101. Serve 101 is designed to help people understand their wiring, passions, and gifts. We are going to be offering it 3x on November 7, 14, and 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sign-up online. It's a great application to today's sermon.