

The Church: Unity to the Glory of God

Session 1 • Living As A Church

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Why This Class?

1. Because the church is important to _____
2. Because people have different _____ on the church

Three Simple Facts

1. God has called Christians to be with him forever, but for a time, he's left us in this world, gathered into local _____.
2. He has chosen to use our life together in churches as a primary method of displaying his _____.
3. We are _____.

Unified in Christ

Ephesians

- 2:1-10 – Shared _____
- 2:11-22 – Shared _____
- 3:1-6 – Shared _____
- 3:7-21 – Shared _____
- 4:1-16 – Shared _____

The Trinity

Unity of Essence

Diversity of Person and Role

Misguided Unity

1. Organizational Unity
2. Unity in Similarity
3. Diversity Only

True Unity

Action: _____ for brothers and sisters in Christ across social boundaries

Purpose: The glory of God in the vindication of his gospel

Source: The love of Christ

Context: The local church

True Diversity

The gospel enables us to have unity in the following areas where the world creates division.

1. Boundaries of ethnicity
2. Boundaries of _____
3. Boundaries of economics
4. Boundaries of _____
5. Boundaries of personality
6. Boundaries of cultural background

What's At Stake?

1. We Compromise _____
2. We Compromise _____

How To Cultivate Unity in Diversity

1. Pray for Unity
2. Recognize the Invisibility of Your Culture
3. Embrace Those Who Are Different from You
4. Remember They are Blood-bought Brothers and Sisters
5. Make Sacrifices for the Sake of Unity