

**WEEK 1 | THE GIFT OF COMMUNITY
EPHESIANS 4:1-16**



We turn the corner this week and launch into the second half of Ephesians. Throughout chapters 4-6 Paul uses the metaphor of “the walk” for the Christian life.

- 1.) How do you think unity is different than uniformity?
- 2.) Read Ephesians 4:1-6. What does Paul call us to be like (see esp verse 2)? If we lived this way, how would it contribute to the unity of the church?
- 3.) In what kinds of situations do you find it difficult to live this out?
- 4.) In verses 4-6 Paul repeats the word “one” seven times, and three of those allude to the Persons of the Trinity. How does the unity of God relate to Christian unity?
- 5.) Read Ephesians 4:7-16. How does Paul make it clear that unity does not mean uniformity?
- 6.) What do we learn about spiritual gifts in verses 9-10? What is the purpose of these gifts (v.12-16)?
- 7.) How can you use the gifts God has given you to build up the body of Christ?

Spiritual Exercise: *Each week we’re trying to give one option for “working out your faith” in a practical way.*

Given the emphasis Paul places on the body of Christ, take some time this week to pray for New City.

- Thank God for all he is doing the church.
- Confess to him the ways you have failed to be “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit.”
- Ask him to use you for the building up of the church.