

Lesson 2 in Unite, Renew, Revive Series

Theme of Lesson: Unite

“Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all who is over all, through all, and in all.” Ephesians 4:1-6 (CEB)

Paul is imploring the people of Ephesus, and us, to walk in a way that is worthy of our calling to share in His redemptive work in the world.

Question: What strengthens us to do the work God has for us?

Question: What does it mean to be worthy of our call?

Paul goes on to describe how we are to emulate Christ in humility, gentleness, and patience.

Question: How did Jesus demonstrate those qualities?

Question: How do we imitate Jesus in our modern world?

Now that Paul has established our identity and purpose, he reminds us that we are all united by the Holy Spirit.

Question: How can the body of Christ stay united when we do not agree on many things?

Question: Must a Christian hide his or her opinions for the sake of unity?

Differences arose in Paul’s day and have ever since. He knows that even within the body of Christ we are different...personalities, gifts, ideas. And yet we are bound together in the same family.

Question: What does Paul mean when he calls us to “preserve the unity”?

Question: How does Parkway Presbyterian Church work to preserve our unity?

As we studied in Lesson 1, the work of the Holy Spirit is to unify believers in Christ. Blessed be the tie that binds!

Question: How is our church building used as an instrument by the Holy Spirit?

Question: What are your hopes for our future as a church family?