

Review:

Lesson 1: The Family of God

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Lesson 5: The Great Mystery

Lesson 6: Assessing Our Theology

Christian Unity

Ephesians 4:1-6

As Christ followers, God's calling on our lives is to something much greater than merely a belief system; it is to a daily commitment to specific _____ and intentional ways of being with others.

Discussion 1. How is "Christ follower" slightly more descriptive than "Christian"? What all does "Christ follower" include and entail that "Christian" may or may not include/entail?

God does so much more than just call Christ followers to love each other and to work together; He actually places His Spirit in us to create a kind of _____, _____, _____ and love which the world does not understand.

Discussion 2. How would you describe the difference between the world's versions of humility or gentleness or patience or love and what God's Spirit produces in believers? Why is this distinction an important one to recognize?

Our job is not to create unity in the church, it is to preserve it. This means doing the hard (and sometimes messy) work of keeping relationships _____. This is the calling of every Christ follower.

Discussion 3. For you, what is the hardest part about keeping relationships healthy? Why do you believe it is as hard as it is? What role does the Spirit of God play in that work?

In the Christian faith, there are certain doctrines upon which we all agree, beliefs which _____ us in terms of our understanding of God and His purposes in this world.

Discussion 4. It is one thing to recognize that there are some doctrines in our faith upon which there can be no compromise (and others upon which we can disagree). Any ideas about how to distinguish the one group from the other? How do we know if this is a doctrine upon which must all agree?