

# UNITED IN CHRIST

## SDG DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Keeping Peace in the Church” | 23 JAN 2022

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*Please read Ephesians 4:1-6. Then watch the weekly video and discuss the following questions.*

- 1) In what areas of culture do you currently find great division? Why do you think there is so much division in our culture today? Do you think that these divisions and disputes often enter the church?
- 2) Read Ephesians 4:1-6. Paul mentions “one” eight times in these verses. What/Who does he identify as being “one” in these verses. What is the main point that Paul is trying to make through the emphatic use of “one” in these verses?
- 3) Discuss what things can undermine unity in the church? Why does disunity happen so often in church?
- 4) Paul mentions humility, gentleness, patience and love as factors that will promote unity. Discuss how the presence of these traits lead to unity and their absence can lead to division.
- 5) Read Philippians 4:2. What problem is Paul dealing with here? Now read Philippians 2:3-5. What strategies does Paul use to help resolve the situation? How can you use these strategies when you encounter conflict or division in the church?

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6) Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-13. What was the cause of the division in the church of Corinth? Have you witnessed this kind of division in the church in the 21st century? What was Paul’s response to this quarrelling?

7) Why does disunity and division grieve God’s heart so much?

*Spend time praying that God would fill your group with humility, gentleness, patience and love. Pray that God would protect UCM from divisions and disputes and that even in its great diversity it would strive to be united in Christ.*

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### CENTERED ON THE GOSPEL

In all things, we proclaim and live out the good news of what God has done and is doing in Christ.

### MOBILIZED FOR MISSION

We share the good news and pursue the advancement of God’s Kingdom in our communities, our cities, and the nations.



### ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE

We devote ourselves to understanding, obeying, and delighting in God’s Word.

### CALLED TO RENEWAL

We seek to cultivate Spirit-empowered restoration and transformation in our communities.