

LifeGroup Meeting

Sacred Unity 4
“Pitfalls Toward Maturity”

Get To Know You Question:

What was your favorite Halloween costumes as a child?

Let's Dig Deeper

1. Someone read **Ephesians 4:13.**

- Christian maturity is often thought about so vaguely. According to **Ephesians 4:13**, what are the three goals of reaching the “fullness of Christ”?
- Of the three goals, are there any that could possibly be taught in a classroom or a discipleship class? Which ones could not be attained through a classroom setting?
- Of the three goals, which one(s) are your strength, and which one(s) are your weakness? Explain.

2. Two warning signs that we are still immature in our faith are: A lack of grace and a lack of love.

- Someone read **2 Peter 3:18**.
 - i. How can we grow in grace? What does that look like to you?
 - ii. How do you personally work on grace when it comes to other people, and especially people in our church community?
- Someone read **1 Thessalonians 3:11-13**.
 - iii. Notice it is the Lord that makes us increase and abound in love. How has the Lord made you more loving?
 - iv. There seems to be a correlation that when our love for Jesus is weak, our love for others is weak. Do you agree or disagree with that? Explain.

3. How would growing in grace and love bring our church community to unity?

4. In **Acts 10 and 11**, Peter learned a very valuable lesson. He learned that the only thing that should bring us together is the Holy Spirit of God in us. Everything else is superficial.
- How often have we seen Christians shun other Christians because they didn't adhere to their particular theological position? Is our theological positions what enables us to be a part of the family of God?
 - How often have we seen Christians shun other Christians because those Christians didn't adhere to our political views? Is our political views what enables us to be a part of the family of God?
 - If the Holy Spirit in us is the only requirement for being a part of the family of God, then why does things like theological or denominational positions, or politics, or Covid policies, or climate change, etc...divide us?
 - Are there people in our church that have a different position or belief than you that has hindered you to be united to them? Without saying their names, what are some steps you can take to fix this?
5. Have you ever had someone quench or stifle your passion. Or stifle something that you believe God wants you to be passionate about?
- Why do we sometimes feel that if God has given me a passion for something, that everyone around me should have the same passion I do? How can that hurt our unity?
 - How can we realize that it is okay to be passionate about something, and others are not?
 - Can we be okay with the fact that there are so many concerns in our world that it is not possible for all of us to care equally on every subject?
6. There is something so beautiful and powerful about a group of incredibly diverse people uniting under a common banner. It shows the world that our common obsession for our hero Jesus is more important than social, or political, or cultural divides. It is the picture of what heaven will look like. However, how has our pride gotten in the way of that picture?
7. Pray as a group that the Holy Spirit will fill you with grace and love so that unity will be achieved and the lost will be saved.