

Sermon Discussion Questions: Different, Together, Only – Ephesians 4.4-6 – 8.9.2020



Connect: (5-10 min) How ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse were your childhood friends? Describe.

Daily Devotions: (15-25 min) Look over last week's SOAP. Which day of SOAP Bible reading stood out to you? What did you see that was interesting?

How did this week's readings connect with what is happening in your life?

Keep the Conversation Going: (20-25 min)

What stuck out to you or stuck with you from this week's sermon?

Read Ephesians 4:4

What experiences have shaped your view of the diversity of God's family?

The Spirit of God brings life to the Body of Christ. All brothers and sisters are alive through the Spirit of God. How could the presence of God's Spirit influence the way you interact with one another?

What hope did you find in Jesus? What difference does it make in your life?

Read Ephesians 4:5

Faith can be defined as an ongoing trust of Jesus as Lord and Savior. How might having this in common with the diversity of brothers and sisters (all of them) strengthen unity?

Baptism, by immersion, represents death to our "self" and new life in Jesus. What difference might having this shared experience with brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the world make?

Read Ephesians 4:6

Do you think all Christians see God looking ethnically like them, speaking their language? How do you think God feels about that?

God, the One and Only, is over all his children, working through and living in all his children. What value does this give to you? Other believers?

Mirror: (10 min)

What is God currently revealing to you about yourself? Where is He working? Where are you resisting?

Take Away: (5-10 min)

Read through Ephesians 4:4-6 seven times. Each time through emphasize one of the "ones." (There are seven of them.) Once you have done this, see if you can say the verses together without looking.

Share and Listen: (5-10 min)

God speaks to his people through his people. If something caught your attention, stuck in your mind, or struck you, please share it. It could be for someone else. This is a double-edged sword. If someone is sharing, please listen. It could be for you.

Close in prayer:

Thank God for his family, for his Spirit, for the hope he gives. Commit to trusting Jesus as Lord and as Savior. Praise God for who he is and what he has done for you. Ask God to help you to live as his child in unity with all his children.