

Message Reflection Questions

BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER

As preached on Sunday, October 20th

Read: Ephesians 4:1-6

1.) When Paul writes, “I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received,” what emotions or thought does that stir in you? Does it move you to a place of gratitude or does it feel more like a burden?

2.) Verse 2 challenges us to consider the impact that humility, gentleness, and patience have in building unity in the church. Which of these characteristics or tools mentioned do you feel like you have grown the most in and which characteristic would you like to see God bring more growth?

3.) In verses 4 through 6 we read a list of essential and unifying experiences and beliefs of the church. Which of these aspects of unity help reframe your thinking about challenges when it comes to “bearing with one another” and living in unity when you are offended or you experience controversy in the church?

4.) When you read the command to, “bear with one another,” how do you approach people or topics which are difficult for you?

5.) What risks are there to us personally, to the local church, and to people outside the church if we don’t take Paul’s command to, “bear with one another” seriously?