

Discussion Guide
“It’s Time To Grow Up”, wk4: Unity
January 29, 2023



Big Idea

Because of our IDENTITY in Jesus, our UNITY is lived out and made possible by our DIVERSITY.



Icebreaker

What is the most expensive vehicle you have ever ridden in for a special occasion; what was that occasion? What is your “dream” vehicle?



Discussion Questions

1. We are over ½ way through our series “It’s Time To Grow Up” based upon the Book of Ephesians. Do you have a top take-away thus far that you would share with the group?
2. The 1st half of Ephesians can be considered our *orthodoxy* while the 2nd half can be considered our *orthopraxy*. What do these two mean in your own words? Why do you think Paul structured the book in this way?
3. Read Ephesians 4:1-2. Because our identity is in Christ, what does Paul call us to do in these verses? In verse 2 we see four aspects from Paul that seem to define what *living a life worthy* may look like. What are they and which one speaks to; perhaps convicts you the most and why?
4. Read Ephesians 4:3-6. What should our mutual identity in Christ as a family of believers result in for us (*hint: it starts with a “u”*)?
5. What is the fulcrum (look fulcrum up if you need to, get smarter, hahaha) of the unity we are to have as members of the family of believers? How is *unity* different from *uniformity*? Do you feel there is a healthy level of *unity* at Revive Wesleyan (yes, no, or not sure, and why)? Do you feel there is a healthy level of *unity* across the churches of your community (yes, no, or not sure, and why)?
6. Read Psalm 68:18 and Ephesians 4:11-13. As we continue to declare that *unity* is not *uniformity*, how do these passages support that truth? Why is it important that each Christian get serious about, and stay sensitive to, their role in their home church; what can occur if they do not? What things do you feel are important for a local church to have in place in order to encourage such participation of its attendees? What are things that can hinder a person’s participation via serving in a local church?



Concluding Question

Read Ephesians 4:14-16. What remarkably happens to us individually, and thus collectively, as a family of believers upon us being a group that gets serious about the equipping of others and seeing each person embrace their own God-given giftings?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

Pray that we as a church would embrace, in respect, the healthy diversity we likely possess across our attendees all so that we can best unite in Christ and be serious about His revealed mission for us (3 P’s).