





# Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 The Holy Spirit maintains unity between believers Ephesians 4:1-6, Philippians 1:27

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1. Our unity is to reflect the character of God
2. Our unity is something worth fighting for
3. Our unity is crucial for our Gospel witness

### **Questions for our Growth Groups and personal reflection**

#### Read Ephesians 4:1-6.

#### 1. Our unity is to reflect the character of God

Why do we often think that a life with a "worthy calling" needs to be grand, public and dramatic? How does Paul smash this idea in this passage?

How do the characteristics listed in v.2 reflect who Jesus is (see Matthew 11:29)? Why might becoming more like Christ create a greater unity among us?

What is the point Paul is making when he refers to all the things described as "one"? How does our "one-ness" and "unity" as a church reflect who God is?

#### 2. Our unity is something worth fighting for

How do we "make every effort" to keep unity in the church, whilst relying on the Spirit's power to make this possible?

What are some of the causes of division within churches and what are the solutions?

What are some of the issues that we need to watch out for at PBC?

## 3. Our unity is crucial for our Gospel witness

Read Philippians 1:27

Why is unity key to a church's Gospel witness?

If the "worthy" life is based on "the gospel of Christ", how do we together:

- "Stand firm in the one Spirit" for the gospel?
- "Strive together as one for the faith of the gospel"?