

PART 3&4: WITH THE WORLD AND CHURCH

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WARM UP: Who is the most humble, gentle and/or patient person you've ever met? (if you say yourself, you're disqualified!)

- 1. Read Ephesians 4:1. No one can ever be "worthy" of salvation (that's why Jesus came), but Paul here speaks of believers living a life "worthy" of their calling (i.e. after salvation). What is the calling of all Christians? (from chapters 1-3)
- 2. Read Ephesians 4:2-3. This is Paul's understanding of what it means to live a worthy life. Why these characteristics in particular? What does this look like practically in the church?
- 3. Read Ephesians 4:4-6. Do all of these "ones" make sense to you? Is there any of them you have a question about? (as an exercise to test your understanding, ask for each one, "what is the _____?", e.g. "what is the one body?")
- **4.** How do you reconcile Paul's description of the unity of the church in these verses, with the historical and present disunity in the global church?
- 5. What is a sufficient biblical reason to separate yourself from other believers? (whether within a church or by leaving a church)
- **6.** In what ways do you intentionally act to preserve and protect the unity of the body of Christ?

PRAY: Pray for the Church and that you would live a life "worthy" of your calling in it.