

# The Life Challenge

*"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10*

**Series: Gifted, Called & Affirmed**  
**Title: Whom Shall I Send?**  
**Speaker: Brian Cooper**  
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## WARM-UP

Share one "takeaway" for you from the teaching this past weekend.

## DISCUSSION

### ***Walking in Unity***

"The Mennonite Brethren affirms women in all ministry and leadership positions within the church. We believe that the biblical basis for service in the body of Christ is a calling of God, giftedness for ministry, godly character and affirmation from the body of Christ - not gender." CCMBC "Gifted, Called and Affirmed" Pamphlet

While the official position of our denomination is the affirmation of women for all ministry and leadership positions, we also allow for individual churches, and church members, to hold different personal views for the sake of unity. This issue continues to be one that divides individual believers and churches.

- What other issues or topics in the broader church community do you note that challenge our unified witness, or our ability to walk together as brothers and sisters?

Read Colossians 3:12-15, Ephesians 4:1-6, 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, John 17:20-23

- What is at stake when it comes to the unity of the church? Why is unity important?
- What are the key ingredients to experiencing unity? What attitudes must we hold, or actions must we take, in order to achieve Christian unity?
- Practically speaking, what does it look like to live in unity when there are disagreements over issues, such as the one we've been discussing in this sermon series? In what way can unity without uniformity be truly fostered?

### ***Series Wrap Up***

- Share one thing you learned during this series that helps further shape your faith journey moving forward (whether it's specific to the issue of women in ministry/leadership, or something else God taught you).
- What is one question you have coming out of this teaching series that you would want to understand further?

*(Life Group Leaders: We would love to have feedback in regards to any questions your group has from this, or any future Life Group discussion. While we may not be able to engage in every question, we are looking to create a forum by which to carry on the conversation and engage with feedback and questions as we are able. Please use the form at <https://www.southabbotsford.com/Messages> to interact in this way.)*