

# The Life Challenge

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

Series: Love One Another  
Title: Unity is Not Sameness  
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## WARM - UP

Share with each other a personal experience of teamwork in action. What was enjoyable about it and why do you remember it today?

## DISCUSSION

Read Eph 4: 1-4. What binds us together? Is unity all doing the same activity?

What mindset do we need to find unity amongst believers? How would others say about your level of humbleness, gentleness and patience with others?

When you read the following verses in ephesians 4 (mainly v 7-11) you see a variety of gifts. In Eph 3:10 it says God wants to show the "rich variety" of his church to the heavenly beings. How is this variety (or diversity) part of being unified?

## **DISCUSSION**

Are diversity and unity opposites? Or are they necessary to reflect the fullness of Jesus?

Have you ever thought of Jesus as the perfect Apostle, the perfect Prophet, the perfect Evangelist, the perfect Shepherd and the perfect Teacher? If we are to reflect Jesus as a church (and individuals) how do our combined gifts reflect him better?

What is maturity as described in Ephesians 4:13-16?

## **APPLICATION**

What's your personal takeaway from this discussion today? Pray for each other around this takeaway and any action that needs to come from it.