



## Group Discussion and Application

1. What parallels do you see between the situation threatening the church in Ephesus in Paul's day, and the threats to the American church in our day?
2. What are some of the issues dividing denominations and congregations today?
3. How can deeper unity be maintained within the local church?
4. How does what we believe affect how we behave?
5. What are we to conclude when a person's conduct does not conform to their confession?
6. What conduct is befitting the gospel? Support with Scripture.
7. What must the church do if it is to serve as a pillar and support/buttrass of the truth? How well is our church doing in this regard?
8. What actions must the local churches take to equip believers to uphold the truth? What actions must individual believers take?
9. Verse 16 was probably a hymn of the early church. What are some of the hymns we sing that declare what we believe about the person and work of Christ?



## Personal Reflection and Response

1. How fitting is your behavior to what you profess to believe? What specific changes do you need to make so that your conduct conforms more fully to your confession?
2. What specific action will you take so you are better able to uphold the truth?



## Family Homework

1. Discuss questions #4-5 above. Give examples.
2. As part of your family worship, select and sing some hymns that teach about the person and work of Christ.



# The Unity of the Community

1 Timothy 3:14-16

*Three assertions of the unity of the Church:*

**1**

We share a \_\_\_\_\_.

**2**

We share a \_\_\_\_\_.

**3**

We share a \_\_\_\_\_.