



Group Discussion & Application

1. Why is confrontation difficult?
2. What attitudes and actions make for healthy confrontation? Cite Scriptures.
3. What are the results of failing to confront or confront correctly?
4. What are some natural responses when we have been wrong? When we have been wronged?
5. What is the unity *of* the Spirit?
6. Explain how love for God and love for our brethren are related. Support with Scripture.
7. Explain how unity with Christ and unity in the body are related. Support with Scripture.
8. What makes apologizing difficult? What makes forgiving difficult?
9. Read Ephesians 4:1-6. In addition to some of the practical suggestions we have examined in the past two studies, what are some specific ways we can *be diligent to preserve/maintain the unity of the Spirit?*
10. What actions must we take to protect right worship in the church in our day?



Personal Reflection & Response

1. With what fellow believers do you struggle to maintain unity?
2. Which of the actions we have considered might help bring resolution?
3. What is the first step you need to take to preserve unity?
4. The book of Proverbs provides much counsel for interpersonal relationships (listening, speaking, seeking counsel, etc.). Read thru Proverbs and identify some of this counsel.



Family Homework

1. List the names of some of your Christian friends.
2. What makes friendship with Christians special and unique?
3. What is necessary to strengthen these Christian friendships?
4. Do *Personal Reflection & Response #4* above as a family.



Suspected Sin (part 2) Joshua 22:1-34

In an attempt to assure *the purity of the worship of God alone*, and to maintain *the unity of the people of God*, a misunderstanding arose among God's people.

How can misunderstanding be avoided and conflict be resolved when sin is suspected among God's people?

Review

1. Consult & inform others who are involved.
2. Avoid suspicious activity.
3. Don't pre-judge.
4. Resist presuming/assigning intentions & motivations.
5. Investigate before acting.

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Care enough to _____.

7

Offer positive _____.

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_____ to the other side of the story.

9

Respond _____ and _____.

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_____ and praise God for _____.