



Growing in Christ Together

FALL CHURCHWIDE SERIES

WEEK 4 – UNITY IN VARIETY

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **There is a King** (*Elevation Worship*)
- **It is Well** (*Austin Stone Music*)

OPENING QUESTION

- Share a time when you experienced unity within diversity in a group setting. What made that experience meaningful?

OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God for protection, wisdom, and guidance as you discuss the questions.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Christian unity is centered around Jesus and His commands, not agreement with the world.
2. There are core doctrines and practices that unite believers.
3. In secondary issues, we should allow for diversity of opinions and practices.
4. We must distinguish between primary (essential) and secondary issues in our faith.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do we balance maintaining unity in core beliefs while allowing for diversity in secondary issues?
2. Read Romans 14:1-6. How does this passage guide us in dealing with differences of opinion among believers?
3. The sermon mentioned, "In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity." How can we practically apply this principle in our church community?
4. What are some examples of secondary issues where Christians might disagree? How can we approach these differences with love and respect?
5. How can we discern whether an issue is primary (essential) or secondary in our faith?
6. The sermon mentioned healthy and unhealthy disagreement. What characterizes each type, and how can we promote healthy disagreement in our church?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. Practice saying, "You are allowed to disagree with me" this week when discussing non-essential matters of faith.
2. Reflect on a secondary issue where you hold a strong opinion. How can you show more grace to those who disagree?
3. If you encounter a disagreement with another believer this week, pause to consider: Is this a primary or secondary issue? How should that affect your response?
4. Look for opportunities to celebrate unity in diversity within your church community this week.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, help us to stand firm in the essential truths of our faith while showing grace and love in areas of difference. Give us wisdom to discern between primary and secondary issues and help us to maintain unity in the body of Christ. Amen.