## **EPHESIANS**

## "Living Worthy of the Calling" (Eph 4:1-6) – Discussion Questions

Questions about the sermon? How did the Lord encourage you from this text this morning? How did the Lord challenge you from this text? Thoughts you'd like to share?

- 1. If unity among believers is so important, how can we know when (if ever) we should divide?
  - a. Since error is always a matter of degree, how can we know when it crosses the line from "serious" into "heresy"?
  - b. When must we break fellowship with a professing believer?
  - c. How can we hold firmly to sound doctrine without falling into the error of spiritual pride and wrongful divisions?
  - d. When it is not a matter of heresy, what steps can you take when you have a difference of opinion with a fellow believer?
- 2. What does it mean to live a life worthy of your calling? What does such a life look like? What qualities ought to characterize "a life worthy of the calling"? In what ways are you making every effort to live this type of life?
- 3. What are the challenges of "preserving the unity of the Spirit" for you as an individual? What challenges do we face as a church or could we face in this light? Share one situation where you want to seek God's unity. Pray for one another.
- **4.** Since God's patience sometimes runs out, is it every right for us to be impatient? Think carefully before you answer.
- 5. We live in a society that emphasizes strength and power. How is it possible to be humble, gentle, patient, and bearing with one another in such a self-centered, power driven society?
- **6.** Why do loving relationships in the home and the church require effort? Isn't love supposed to be spontaneous? What is more important: love or truth?