#### **Session 1**

### Our Foundation: Unity Provided Ephesians 1-3

#### Get in your toolbox

#### **KEY VERSES** Ephesians 4:1-3

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

#### HOW we are to protect our unity

- Pursue each other
- "Truth" each other
- Forgive each other

#### **KEY VERSES** Ephesians 3:20-21

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to *the power* at work within us, *to him* be glory *in the church* and *in Christ Jesus* throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

### WHY our unity (spiritual friendship) is important

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<ul> <li>Our obedient pursuit of unity expresses our</li> </ul>	
Our unity magnifies God's	&
Our Unity In Christ	
Designed by Our Father	
Performed by The Son	
Sealed by The Spirit	
What's provided in the toolbox of our inheritance?	? (Ephesians 1:18)
Paul's Prayer	
That we will the of	
in, through us, so that C	Christ will as
the Head of His	
Restoration	
Ephesians 2:14-17	
He destroyed	
He built in place of hostility	
<ul> <li>He made out of</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>He between men</li> </ul>	
He between men and Go	d
<ul> <li>He and our unit</li> </ul>	ty

"In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." Eph. 2:22

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	with When people built together on the	nin the church		
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	built together on the	of	, the church is a	
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#### Session 2

## Our Framework: Unity Displayed Ephesians 4-5 Get in each other's homes

wny	is unity so vital?		
•	Because the defining characteristic of the Trinity is		
•	Because His power works in us so that we can		
•	Because unity among believers is		
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	ual Friendship Blueprints		
•	esians 4-6)		
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•	occinational continuous (error in a minimum control in in)		
•	Sing spiritual songs together (5:19)		
•	Submit to each other (5:20 /outward obedience)		
•	Respect each other (5:33 /heart posture)		
•	Iron out each other's wrinkles (5:26-27 /sanctify)		
•	Nourish each other (5:29 /actively meet needs)		
•	Obey authorities (6:1 /outward submission)		
•	Honor authorities (6:2 /correct heart attitude)		
•	Behave humbly (6:4 /don't provoke)		
	Train children (6:4 /correct and model)		
•	Work with excellence (6:6 /right work with right attitude)		
•	Demonstrate servant leadership (6:9 /don't threaten)		
•	Demonstrate servant readership (0.5 / don't direater)		
Fore	men & Work Crews		
•	Although we experience God's grace, He has given us		
•	as gifts to help us experience it		
•	Their role is to help get " (Enh 4:16) and to		
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	(Lpn. 4.12)		
Loade	ers are Members > All Members are Servants		
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	Leaders need		
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•	Members		
Spool	king the Truth in Love AKA "Truthing" Each Other in Love		
-	We "Truth" each other by proving God's ability to with		
•	we than each other by proving dod's ability to with		
_	"Truthing" challenges unbiblical thinking.		
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•	Sometimes "truthing" comes through		
•	Mostly "truthing" comes through		

"I do this not merely by speaking gospel words to them, but also by living before them and generously relating to them in a gospel manner." Milton Vincent

	We exchange our spiritual rags for	or royal robes	when we our
	to represent our		<del>-</del>
•	to represent our We must,	, and	each other through
	spiritual changes.		
Truth	n & Love (Spiritual Mortar)		
•	Truth provides	aga	inst the winds of
•	Love displayed through		
•	Without properly maintained mo		
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•	person needs the chance to mal		
	Chase down the of you		
	dealt with. James 1:20, Ex. 34:6, 2	Pet. 3:9	
•	Deprive the devil of opportunitie	es; (remember	that anger rushes in where
	love is absent).		
•	Unity and anger don't tolerate ea with building each other up.	ach other	interferes
	at one time you were darkness, bu		
	lren of light, for the fruit of the light " Eph. 5:8-9	is found in all	that is good and right and
"But	when anything is exposed by the I	ight, it become	es visible, for anything that
	omes visible is light. Therefore it say	/s, "Awake, O s	leeper, and arise from the
becc	d, and Christ will shine on you." " E	ph. 5:13-14	
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#### Session 3

#### **Our Fortification: Unity Protected**

Ephesians 5-6

#### Get in each other's hearts

- Private (discerning God's will) 5:15-17
- Public (as the Church sharing music) 5:19-21
- Private (at home) 5:22-6:4
- Public (at work) 6:5-9

Invest Opportunities & Discern God	l's Will
-in- Ordinary Events	Difficult Decisions
What am I doing? Why am I doing it? (is God at the center?) How can I modify it? Our biblical unity is more important	What's the problem? Why do I feel this way? (am I spirit-controlled?) How do I apply the armor to this situation? than whatever threatens to separate us.
Unity at Home Mutual submission shows our rever  • Submission makes us more _  • Submission makes us more _  • Submission deprives enemies  • Submission attracts people to	s of
• of	continually oppose our
families and friendships.  We are of  By utilizing the armor of God of	the onslaught alone. we on
Our Strong Standing  Empowerment is given u  Empowering is an	s, not done us. , not a in for combat, and charge into battle as
<ul> <li>Combatting Threats to Unity</li> <li>Disunity originates in</li> <li>Anger arises when</li> </ul>	_•

Battling lies requires \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Phil.4:2-3)
Proud Christians make \_\_\_\_\_\_.

# The Armor of God Belt of Truth: None of the other armor can help if we \_\_\_\_\_\_ Breastplate of Righteousness: We are unprotected when we choose • Shoes of the Gospel of Peace: Can we share the Good News properly if we won't allow it to mend our \_\_\_\_\_\_? Shield of Faith: Faith locks us to Christ, and our shields lock us together. If one is unguarded, \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_. Helmet of Salvation: We must take \_\_\_\_\_ all thoughts that \_\_\_\_\_ to the forgiving love that brought us salvation. Sword of the Spirit: We can only go on the offensive when \_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ using The Word. **Notes:**