



Sermon Discussion Questions

Created For Unity // Philippians 2:1-11

- At the start of this new series on unity in the church, do you feel Faith Church is in need of this focus? Or are we doing pretty well?
- Pastor Joey quoted an oft-used phrase, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, freedom; in all things, love." What do you think are the essential things Faith agrees on?
- The Key Idea from this week's sermon was "to come together, we have to look backwards." What are we looking backwards to?
- In what areas of your life do you find unity easy to achieve? Where is it difficult?
- How would you describe the attitude Jesus had? Look at Philippians 2:2, 5, and 6 for help.
- How well do you share in that same attitude? How much have you grown in sharing in that attitude over the last year? 5 years?

- Pastor Joey briefly talked about the twelve apostles, including Matthew the Tax Collector and Simon the Zealot. How hard do you think it would have been for these two guys to be united around Jesus, with all of their other differences?
- We've all known leaders (bosses, parents, teachers, older siblings) who use their position and power as something to exploit for their own advantage. How have you done that? How does Jesus use his position and power?
- Pastor Joey said Jesus gave up his power and position and emptied himself out of heaven into humanity not in spite of being God, but precisely *because* he is God. That's what God does. If that's what Jesus is like, then what should followers of Jesus be like?
- What are your essentials, the beliefs that you're willing to break unity over? Do others agree with your list? What's not on your list that others think should be? What's on your list that others think *shouldn't* be?
- Can you love unity more than being right? Can you stand next to someone who differs from you — say, they voted for the other guy in the last election — and sing wholeheartedly to God with them?
- Pastor Joey said "unity takes all of us, but it starts with each of us." What's your responsibility in pursuing unity at Faith? What's the responsibility of the group you're part of?



