

**SCC SMALL GROUPS**  
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**The WE Factor: An Integrated Journey**  
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**Getting Started:**

Talk about a time in our life when you had a close nit group of friends and describe what made it so special.

Rick described spiritual growth as Intentional, Incremental, Habitual and Relational. Which of these words most appeal to you? Why?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

**Ephesians 4:1-3**

*“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”*

A. How would you describe the calling we have received?

B. How do the character qualities of humility, gentleness and patience help in maintaining unity with one another?

C. Why is unity worth striving for?

D. Comment on this statement:

Unity is something given by the Spirit, not something we create. It is based on the oneness of God. Christians do not need to agree on everything to have unity, but we need to live the unity of a common commitment to Christ. Unity is something that needs to be valued and maintained. Christians must keep the unity of the Spirit because everything they hold of any significance they hold with other people. Christianity is a shared faith. No separate or merely individual faith exists.

### **Application**

In the message Rick asked several important questions. Talk about some of these among yourselves. How is this this group approaching the ideals of Ephesians 4:1-3 & 16?

**People:** Do I feel included in the group, and want to include the others in my life? Do group members take their relationship to one another seriously?

**Participation:** Are my ideas being included? Are the expectations clear for me? Is there a sense of ownership developing?

**Purpose:** How is the group using it's time? Is the group meeting my and other's personal needs?