

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
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Digging In

1. Review the first 3 chapters of Ephesians. What kinds of things would be included in *the calling you have received*?
2. **Read 4:2-3.** In these verses, Paul elaborates on what he means by living a life worthy of the calling we've received. In your own words, what does it mean to *be completely humble and gentle*?
3. How will this help us to live out our calling?
4. What does it look like to *be patient, bearing with one another in love*? Give two practical examples.
5. Paraphrase Paul's exhortation in v. 3.
6. In addition to what Paul says in v. 2, what are some other ways we can contribute to the unity of the body through the bond of peace?
7. **Read vss. 4-6.** According to these verses, why should we *make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace*?



Getting Personal

- To what extent do the qualities in v. 2 characterize your life?
- In your experience, what are the things that most often lead to disunity in a local church?
- What are the attitudes and behaviors that build solid Christ-honoring unity?
- How are you actively contributing to the unity of the Spirit at Shoestring?
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