

# 8 Remaining united

Isaiah 2:1-6; Ephesians 4:1-6; 17-32

## Key verse

“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.” (Eph. 4:2-3 NIV)

## Getting started

Discuss: Why do you think that even though we’ve been saved relationships are not always easy even in the Church?

## Going deeper

### Read Isaiah 2:1-6

- 1) What strikes you most about this vision Isaiah is given?
- 2) When do you think these “last days” might be when people from all nations seek God, learn from him, and walk in his paths?
- 3) The effects of sin on all people are self-centredness and divisiveness. What change occurs as these many peoples now walk in the light of the Lord?

### Read Ephesians 4:1-6

- 4) From these verses, for what purpose is the imprisoned Paul writing these words to the Church in Ephesus?
- 5) The Church in Ephesus was made up of Jews and Gentiles, men women and children, slaves and slave masters. How does Paul urge them to remain united?

### Read Ephesians 4:17-32

- 6) Are the ways that Paul insists that Gentiles are no longer to live still relevant to us today?
- 7) Which of these behaviours that Paul instructs us to put off and put on do you feel is most applicable to your life at this present time?

What difference might putting off and putting on these attitudes and behaviours make to our effectiveness as a Church as we seek to be a light for Christ in our community?

## Taking it home

How might what we’ve enjoyed/learnt/been challenged by through this series, and even through today’s study, help us love and reach other people around us from diverse backgrounds and cultures for Christ?

Discuss & Pray through the implications of this study for our lives.

