

1. When you undress at night, do you tend to put your clothes on a hanger, fold them over a chair, stuff them into a hamper, or leave them on the floor? Be honest!
2. As you reflect back on the message from Sunday, what one principle or insight stands out as particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
3. A theme from the message was, "It cost me something to have something in common." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why?
4. One of Jesus' prayers was recorded in John 17. Take a minute to read John 17:20-26. Why do you think unity was so important to Jesus?
5. Read Acts 15:36-40. What happened to Paul and Barnabas and what was the stated reason for the situation they found themselves in? How did the church respond to Paul and Barnabas? Did it promote unity? Why or why not?
6. At a later date after the events described in Acts 15:36-40 we come across a writing of Paul to Timothy. Read 2 Timothy 4:9-11. What does Paul ask Timothy to do? What conclusions might you make in comparing the passage in Acts with this passage in Timothy?
7. Read Philippians 4:1-3. Paul mentions two ladies in this passage. What do you think might have happened? What does Paul say or not say about the situation? How do you think his own experience might have impacted the way he handled this situation?
8. How do you handle conflict? Do you face it head on? Do you avoid it like the plague? Do you vent about it to someone else? Be honest!
9. What is one thing you could improve upon to help preserve unity in our church? i.e. Pray? Make a better effort? Focus on Jesus more and less on others? Forgive someone? Encourage someone? Etc.?