



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make A Difference: Part 1

Small Group Questions: Making a Difference Together

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Read

1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 4: 1–3; and Colossians 1:15–17 and 27

Reflect

Within the church we have many different personalities, opinions, and politics, but maintaining unity during times of stress and pressure is crucial to the integrity of the church. We're stronger together. Pastor Greg highlights our values as a church and how they are key to unity:

- Find God.
 - Grow your faith.
 - Discover your purpose.
 - Make a difference.
1. Which of the above values do you feel you need to focus on the most right now? Why?
 2. Describe yourself. What aspects make up your identity? What do you think of first?
 - a. Where is your primary allegiance?
 - b. Do you identify yourself as a son or daughter of the Most High God? Where does that fall in your description of yourself? First? Last? Somewhere in the middle? Not at all?
 3. If you are a believer, do you think God has a calling for each of us? Explain.
 - a. Would you say you've found your calling? Explain.
 - b. Have you or someone you know, expected one calling, but found God had a different plan? Explain. Can you think of examples in the Bible?

How can we stick together when pressure is pulling us apart?

1. Be completely humble and gentle.
 - a. How willing are you to listen, rather than talk?
 - b. Do you think someone would describe you as humble and gentle? Why or why not?
 - c. How willing are you to take up the position of a learner?
 - d. What ways have you found to learn from people very different from you?
 - i. Consider spending some time with someone with different views from you. Write down what you learn and, if you like, email it to Pastor Greg at pastorgreg@seacoast.org
2. Be patient.
 - a. Exposes your character.
 - i. When you've had to wait for something you've really wanted, what weaknesses did it bring to light in you?
 - b. Tests your resolve.
 - i. When have you wrestled with giving up or staying the course?
 - c. Sweetens the arrival.
 - i. How have you seen patience win out?
3. Bear with one another in love.
 - a. You've got to be with someone to bear with them.
 - i. Is there someone you're avoiding, or too busy to spend time with? Why?

Respond: What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?