

Small Group Questions for the Week of January 25, 2015

The following questions are taken from the book entitled Be Rich by Warren Wiersbe. Please do not feel compelled to ask every question that is listed below. You know your group better than the person writing the questions. Ask the questions that are best for your group, and questions that you yourself are comfortable answering.

1. What do you think are the main factors that contribute to the success of a sports team?
2. Read Ephesians 4:1-16 where Paul emphasized a major factor that contributes to the success of the church: unity. What is the “unity of the Spirit”? What is the basis for unity among believers?

Note to Leader: The basis for unity is emphasized in verses 4-6.

3. Why is unity so important?
4. Why is disunity (squabbling, cliques, power struggles, sniping about other denominations) unworthy of our calling?

Note to Leader: This is not to say that there is never conflict. Disunity is not brought on by conflict, which is unavoidable, but rather by the manner in which we deal with conflict. More precisely, disunity is the result of conflict without humility and gentleness.

5. How does humility aid unity?
6. How do patience and bearing with one another aid unity?
7. What’s the connection in this passage between unity and a diversity of gifts?
8. Paul says God gives leaders (apostles, prophets, etc.) to equip other believers to do works of service so that the whole body becomes united and mature. Are you equipped for works of service? If so, what services are you doing? If not, what equipping do you need?
9. What happens to the body of Christ if the leaders do all the works of service?
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11. How can you contribute to unity and maturity in the body of Christ?