

**This Week's Study Guide**  
February 28th 2021 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

*Realign Part 2: Share the Road*  
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**Read:** Ephesians 4: 1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**Reflect:**

1. Sometimes Christians turn out to love their own interpretation of the bible more than they love their neighbor. We are on high alert to promote our own agendas, and we forget about relationships because we just want to be right. Has this ever been true for you?
2. In the scripture above, Paul urges us to live worthy of our calling. How would your interactions with other Christians you disagree with be different if you bear these words in mind?
3. Paul writes about “perverted gospels” in the letter to Galatians (chapter 1). Charla gave a few historical examples of what could be considered counterfeit gospels. Can you think of others? What contemporary issues might fall into this category? How can you “draw a line in the sand” but maintain the Spirit of love we are called to?
4. Are there outside influences you follow (social media, news outlets, bloggers, religious leaders) that might be promoting counterfeit gospels? Why or why not?
5. The early Christians needed to remain united, not only because Jesus calls for it, but because their existence was threatened. How are Christians threatened today? Why should we remain unified in today's world?
6. What are some of the “small things” that you commit to letting go of (not sweating!). What are your non-negotiables? Why? Do they hold up to the Truth of the gospel?

**Pray:**

In your own words pray for God to help you examine when you might be pushing away rather than pulling in towards your brothers and sisters in Christ. Ask God to guide you to unity, to abandon harsh criticism and dismissiveness. And ask God to protect you from false gospels that preach anything other than God's fierce love for you. You are so loved.