

Clear View: Maintaining Unity on Our Expedition Team

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“Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.”
Ephesians 4:2-6 (NLT)

- Rehearse God’s Process of _____

Jesus – “God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.”
Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

Four Principles of Peacemaking (by Ken Sande)

✓ _____
“Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust Him, and He will help you.”
Psalm 37:5 (NLT)

✓ _____
Jesus – “But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.”
Mark 11:25 (NLT)

✓ _____
“[I]f another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. ...Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.”
Galatians 6:1-3 (NLT)

✓ _____
“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.”
Ephesians 4:3 (NLT)
Jesus – “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”
Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)

Jesus – “So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples.”
John 13:34-35 (NLT)

“You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” **Psalm 16:11 (ESV)**

Our Values

We desire to demonstrate committed, authentic and passionate lives in Christ individually and corporately. Therefore we value...

- Value #5 _____

“Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them. ...and they will know that I am the LORD their God. I am the One who brought them out of the land of Egypt so that I could live among them.”
Exodus 25:8, 29:46 (NLT)

“Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.”
1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)

Jesus – “I am in them and You are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that You sent Me and that You love them as much as You love Me.”
John 17:23 (NLT)

I Maintain Unity with My Church As I...

- Respond _____

“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”
Galatians 5:25-26 (NIV)

“When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these.” **Galatians 5:19-21a (NLT)**

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”
Galatians 5:22-23a (NLT)

- Recognize _____

Jesus – “Pray like this: Our Father in heaven...”
Matthew 6:9 (NLT)

