Leadership Class: Lesson # 3 Power of Unity

1. What was Jesus prayer for His Church? (John 17:20-23)

2. How is unity described? (Psalm 133:1-2)

3. What does God do when there is unity? (Psalm 133:3)

   OT definition:
   1) union, being united
   2) together, all together, alike

   NT definition:
   1) unanimity, agreement

   Dictionary definition:
   1. The state of being one; singleness
   2. Oneness of mind; agreement, concord
   3. An ordering of all elements in a work of art so that each contributes to a unified aesthetic effect
   4. Singleness of purpose or action; continuity

   I. Things that cause us not to walk in unity

   A. backbiting:
   4. What are some of the conditions for being in a special place with God? (Psalm 15:1-3)

   B. Gossip (talebearer): 1. busybody, busy about other folks' affairs
                                2. busy about trifling matters and neglectful of important matters

   6. How do a talebearer and a faithful friend contrast? (Proverbs 11:13)

   7. Who are we not to associate with (Proverbs 20:19)?

   8. How do you stop strife? (Proverbs 26:20)

   9. What does the Bible command us not to do? (Leviticus 19:16)

   C. Slander: *The utterance of defamatory statements injurious to the reputation or well being of a person*

      1. evil report
      2. whispering
      3. defamation
      4. evil report

   10. What does the Bible describe a slanderer to be? (Proverbs 10:18)

   11. Why was there division in Corinth? (1 Corinthians 3:1-4)

   12. List the works the flesh that causes division? (Galatians 5:20) dissension defined: division, sedition

   13. What is the seventh thing in this list that the Lord hates? (Proverbs 6:16-19) discord: strife, contention

   14. What two ways should we approach those who cause divisions? (Romans 16:17)

   15. What is the principle of division in a house, kingdom, country, business or church? (Mark 3:20-26)
II. Things that cause us to walk in unity

A. Love
   (Read Ephesians 4:1-6)
16. What two things can we do to walk in unity?
   a. ______________________________________________  (Ephesians 4:2b)
   b. ______________________________________________  (Ephesians 4:3a)

B. Recognize each person’s uniqueness
   (Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
17. Even though Christ’s body is many members what is it described as? (1 Corinthians 12:20)

III. Practical Ways to walk in unity:
   (Read Ephesians 4:11-15)
18. What two things does this say we can have unity in? (Ephesians 4:13)
   a. _____________________________________________________
   b. _____________________________________________________

19. What three things does the scripture say we be the same in? (1 Corinthians 1:10)
   a. _____________________________________________________
   b. _____________________________________________________
   c. _____________________________________________________  (Read Philippians 1:27-2:5)

20. What three things can we stand fast in? (Philippians 1:27)
   a. _____________________________________________________
   b. _____________________________________________________
   c. _____________________________________________________

21. What three things can we be like-minded in? (Philippians 2:2)
   a. _____________________________________________________
   b. _____________________________________________________
   c. _____________________________________________________

22. How is this unity going to be attained?
   a. _____________________________________________________  (Philippians 2:3a)
   b. _____________________________________________________  (Philippians 2:3b)
   c. _____________________________________________________  (Philippians 2:4)

23. Paul exhortation and rule was to (Philippians 3:16)

IV. How to be of the same mind

E. What you can bring to a ministry:
   1. knowledge
   2. experience
   3. methods where applicable & needed
   4. authority

F. What you should leave behind:
   1. Past offenses.
   2. Hard nosed opinions (They are not a God given right)
   3. Bad attitudes
   4. Obsessive doctrine
   5. Your own agenda and vision

G. What it takes to join a new ministry:
   1. Humility
   2. Flexibility (Some of you may have to bend in ways you never have before)
   3. Adaptability (developing new loyalties)
   4. Teachable

Synergism: The action of two or more substances, organs, or organisms to achieve an effect of which each is individually incapable

- Working together
- Keeping rank

Judges 20:11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united together as one man.

Synergism: working together

Joel 2:7-8 They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of war; Every one marches in formation, and they do not break ranks.

8 They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, they are not cut down.

> keep rank: army, battle-line, order, place, row, rank