

Ephesians 3:1-13

1. If you could be any celebrity who would you be and why?
 2. What are some things people compare themselves to? In what aspect/how?
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Read v.1-7

1. What ways do you struggle personally with unity?
2. What ways do we struggle as a community with unity?

John 17:20-23

3. How does unity compare to God?
 4. Why does Paul constantly stress unity among the body?
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Read v. 8-13

1. What are some ways you feel we should boast in Christ?
 2. How does this contrast with how we boast in ourselves?
 3. How deserving are we of God's grace? Then how can we use that to fuel our passion for the Gospel to be heard?
 4. How does suffering play into a grace-driven community? (Phil 2:3-4)
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What I will be talking about

We just love to be better than someone else don't we? It makes us feel better to one up someone or know that we might be extremely messed up but we aren't as bad as that person. Sometimes we do this at other's expense. Or maybe you've been on the other side of that and it took all of your strength to not lash out at that person. Don't you just hate it when you feel like that? I mean constantly comparing what you do with what others do? The point of this is that we have nothing to boast in. Being saved by grace is what the Gospel is, the good news, not by works so that no one can boast. The Gospel levels the playing field. It creates a new way of viewing ourselves. Not because we have an iphone, the latest gadget, or cool clothes, or because we work out a ton, or good at racquetball. We truly have nothing to boast in because nothing we do can save us from our sins! We need to stop comparing ourselves to others because just like last week that creates division among the body of Christ.