

# KEEP AWAY

The Christian life is supposed to be fulfilling and abundant. Instead, it can feel more like a game of Keep Away—a game of being in the middle, chasing the ball and never being able to reach it.

Paul saw this frustration stemming from a gap between belief and behavior. Keep Away is a verse-by-verse study through Ephesians to help put you on the road to experiencing life when belief and behavior are united.

June 13/14

Great Churches Demand Great Relationships | Ephesians 4:1-6

I. Great churches are composed of people who:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes of:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. \_\_\_\_\_ .

B. \_\_\_\_\_ to work for unity.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is from me.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is from the Spirit's
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is from the Cross.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ the need for:

1. Unity in \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Diversity in \_\_\_\_\_ .

D. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's truth concerning:

1. One \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. One \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. One \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. One \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. One \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. One \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. One \_\_\_\_\_ .

## For Discussion

1. Give an example of humility, gentleness, and patience. Then give an example of the opposite (i.e. pride, harshness, impatience). Try to use a situation from your own life.
  2. Describe a time when you had to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit...” (or what you think one might look like).
  3. Why do you think Paul is so insistent on being quick to notice when unity is lost or threatened? (Do you remember Dan drawing the distinction between indicative (chapters 1-3) and imperative (chapters 4-6)? Paul is giving an apostolic command not making an apostolic suggestion.
  4. Have you ever been in a situation where the unity of the spirit is lost either through inaction of the parties concerned or because what efforts were made were ignored?
  5. What relationships do you think fall under this directive?
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## Upcoming Events

### *Country Terrace BBQ*

Saturday, June 20 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

We need a few small groups to help. Please contact Bruce if you're available.  
We'll meet at the church at 9:30 a.m.

### *Small Group Leader BBQ*

Thursday, July 23 | 6 p.m.

Bring a side dish to share. Kids welcome; lots of room to play.  
Location: Bruce & Deb Miller's, Waterloo.

### *Area Small Group Leader's Conference*

Part I: Friday, August 21 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Part II: Friday, August 21 | 7-9:40 p.m & Saturday, August 22 | 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Jim Egli discusses the challenges of starting, growing, & maintaining small groups that connect with God & strengthen followers of Jesus while maintaining an outward focus. Egli is Pastor of Small Groups at the Champaign Vineyard in Illinois & holds a PhD in Small Group Discipleship. He's authored 15 books on effective small group ministry. Part I, \$30 (includes lunch); part II, \$20; both, \$45. Enrollment begins in June.  
Location: HVC Campus.