

**W**e are in the midst of an experiment. We have called it an experiment in doing ministry together. Over the past six months our churches have worked together in areas of children's, youth, and young adult ministry. We have had work days and met around tables for celebration dinners and events. We have listened to accounts of each other's spiritual journeys, and worshipped together. In so many ways, we have humbly experienced some of what Jesus prayed for in John 17..."that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us that the world may believe that you have sent me". So what are we doing to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit"? So, what are we doing to be perfectly united? And, what after all, is "unity"?

### ***Doctrinal unity***

### ***Philosophical unity***

### ***Respect and friendship***

## Personal Application and Group Interaction

1. Check out the ribbon in the beak of the eagle in the Great Seal of the United States found on the One Dollar Bill. It says, "*E pluribus unum.*" ("*Out of many, one*"). How does that great value and ideal actually happen?
2. Why is it so important that we at Calvary and El Calvario pursue unity even if it is outside the expanded boundaries of an official merger, and what are we doing about it?
3. What is doctrinal unity and how will you help us achieve it in your own participation in our church and its ministry?
4. How are you participating in the values and strategies of our ministry and why?
5. How do you know that Jesus prayed for us at Calvary in John 17:20-23? In what ways are we, in Christ, living answers to His deep prayer concern?
6. What are you doing to be more engaged in friendships that reflect Christ in us and the oneness for which he prayed?



**Be perfectly united Calvary!**

## Ephesians 4:1-3

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