



## Leader's Corner

Unity in an Algorithm World

Ephesians 4:1–6, 11–16

**Summary:**

We are living in an age where algorithms are actively shaping how we think, feel, and relate to others—often forming us toward division, reaction, and lack of empathy. But as followers of Jesus, we are invited into a different kind of formation—one marked by truth, love, unity, and maturity. This week challenges us to examine what is forming us and to intentionally choose the way of Jesus over the patterns of the world.

**Main Passage:**

Ephesians 4:1–6, 11–16

**Main Idea:**

We must resist being shaped by algorithm-driven division and instead be formed by Jesus into a people marked by unity, maturity, and love.

**Main Practice:**

Choose intentional formation—letting Jesus shape your heart, your responses, and your relationships before the algorithm does.

## Prayer and Praise

**Opening Prayer (Liturgical Tone):**

Lord Jesus,  
 You are truth embodied and love perfected.  
 In a world shaping us toward division and reaction,  
 slow our hearts and renew our minds.  
 Teach us to see people the way You do—  
 with compassion, patience, and grace.  
 Form us into a people who reflect Your unity,  
 who speak Your truth in love,  
 and who live as a witness to Your goodness.  
 We surrender our habits, our reactions, and our voices to You.  
 Shape us, lead us, and make us more like You.  
 Amen.

**Worship Song Suggestions:**

- “Build My Life” – Pat Barrett
- “Make Us One” – Jesus Culture

## Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you most from the message this week?
2. How would you describe what an algorithm does in your own words?
3. In Ephesians 4, how does Paul describe spiritual maturity vs. immaturity?
4. What does it mean to be “tossed by the waves” in today’s context?
5. According to the passage, what is God forming His people toward?
6. Where do you see the influence of algorithms shaping your thinking, emotions, or reactions?
7. Have you noticed yourself becoming more reactive, certain, or less empathetic over time? How so?
8. Why do you think algorithm-driven content tends to produce division and lack of empathy?
9. *How does “seeing a caricature instead of a person” impact real-life relationships?*
10. *Which is more shaping your daily mindset right now—Jesus or digital input?*
11. *When you disagree with someone, what is your instinctive posture: curiosity or judgment?*
12. What would it look like this week to “let Jesus form you first” each day?
13. How can you actively pursue unity (not uniformity) in your relationships right now?

# Practice

## **Group Practice (In the Moment): Take 2–3 minutes of silence and reflect on this question:**

“Who is someone I’ve reduced to a category instead of seeing as a person?”

- Then share (if comfortable):
- What assumptions have you made about them?
- How might Jesus see them differently?
- *As a group, pray for: Softened hearts / Renewed empathy / Courage to engage with truth and love*

## **Individual Practice (This Week):**

Daily Formation Shift: Before checking your phone each morning, spend 5 minutes with Jesus (Scripture, prayer, stillness).

The 3-Question Filter (Before You Speak/Post):

- Is it true?
- Is it loving?
- Is it Christlike?

## **Relational Challenge:**

Have one intentional conversation this week with someone who thinks differently than you. Go in with curiosity—not correction.

## **Core Question to Carry:**

“Who is this person that Jesus loves?”

# Further Study

## **Scripture:**

- Romans 12:2 – Transformation vs. conformity
- John 13:34–35 – Love as the defining mark
- John 17:20–23 – Jesus’ prayer for unity
- Philippians 2:1–5 – Humility and others-centered thinking
- Colossians 3:12–14 – Clothed in compassion, kindness, patience

## **Theological Reflection:**

- Formation is not neutral—you are always being shaped by something
- The Gospel forms us toward:
- Unity over division
- Love over outrage
- Truth embodied, not just declared

## **Quote for Reflection:**

“We are not just thinking beings—we are being formed. The question is not if we are being shaped, but by what.”