A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 21, 2016
Ephesians 4:1-16

1. What was Paul doing at the time when he wrote this letter?
   a. Lounging on the beach.
   b. He is very busy traveling to preach and the stress has been getting to him.
   c. He is in prison because of His work for Christ.

2. What does Paul urge the believers in verse 1?
   a. Be thankful for the grace of Jesus Christ.
   b. Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

3. What instructions does Paul give believers in verses 2-4?
   a. Be mostly humble.
   b. Be gentle and put up with others until you lose your patience.
   c. Be completely humble and gentle.
   d. Be judgmental and impatient when others don't live up to your expectations.
   e. Bear with one another in love.
   f. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

4. What do verses 4-6 say about unity in the church?
   a. There is one body and one Spirit.
   b. We were called to one hope when we were called.
   c. There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.
   d. There is one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all…y'all.
   e. Everything about our faith should unite us. The only thing that divides us is our own desires, which flow from our flesh and not the Spirit (see also James 4:1-3, Philippians 2:1-11, etc.)

5. What could you change in your life to increase unity in the church? _____
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6. Why, according to 4:11-12, did Christ give some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers?
   a. Because we need taught.
   b. Because we need corrected.
   c. Because people need to hear the good news.
   d. …to equip his people for works of service….
   e. …so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God…
   f. So that we might become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

7. What, according to verse 14, is the characteristic of infants? _____
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8. Are you mature or are an infant? _____
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