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A BIBLE STUDY ON EPHESIANS 4:1-6

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FRAGMENT 6: GLIMPSES INTO THE KINGDOM (EPH. 4:5-6)

When people look at the church, at you, they get a glimpse of Jesus and life in God's kingdom. In verses 4-6, Paul describes the unity of life and mission of the Church in Christ. The oneness of God is reflected in the unity of God's church. The Triune God is one in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each has a role to play in the church's life and mission. Paul writes about God's triune and relationship nature when he writes: "one God and Father of all, who is above all [Father]; and through all [God the son]; and in all [God the Holy Spirit]."

FOLLOW ALONG:

Watch the sixth fragment of Steve Manskar's Bible study and fill in the _____.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. How would you describe the Trinity to someone new to their faith? Why is having an understanding of the Trinity important?
2. How do you respond or call upon the Holy Spirit?
3. During worship and mission experiences in your church, what role does God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – play?

STRETCH IN THE SPIRIT:

Sometime complex topics are easier to understand through metaphor. Brainstorm and list three metaphors for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

When these lists are complete, unleash your inner artist and create a sketch or some other expression of each part of the Trinity. What new understandings does this illustration bring you?