

Sermon Notes – May 10, 2015
“E Pluribus Unum”
1 Corinthians 12:12-20
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Ravi Zacharias claims that the desire to find unity in the midst of diversity is deep within people.

- What does this mean, and how do you see this desire expressed?

While not exact, look at the three main “body” passages which touch on the unity and diversity of the church according to the following general grid:

	<u>Unity</u>	<u>Diversity</u>
Romans 12:	verses 1-5	verses 6-8
1 Corinthians 12:	verses 1-12	verses 14-31
Ephesians 4:	verses 1-6	verses 7-12

Paul is especially witnessing to diversity in the church with respect to giftedness for service.

- How is the diversity of gifts both a blessing and a challenge for a church?

What kind of diversity among us at East Main do you see as presenting the greatest challenge at this time?

What is the difference between unity and uniformity?

What does Paul see as the basis for unity in the church (see also Ephesians 4:4-6)?

How have you seen a common passion for serving Jesus enable people who are very different to come together in significant and encouraging ways?