



EPHESIANS 4:1-16

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# ONE: THE ULTIMATE INCLUSION





**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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# INCLUSION

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**THE ACTION OR STATE OF INCLUDING  
WITHIN A GROUP OR STRUCTURE**

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## THE PREMISE: OUR CALLING

*Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called (Ephesians 4:1)*

- ▶ The manner in which we walk (action) matters
- ▶ Show me the manner in which a person walks and I will tell you much about what he/she believes.



# THE FOUR ESSENTIAL TRUTHS AND PRACTICES OF INCLUSION



## 1. THE CONDUCT OF INCLUSION

*...implore you to walk...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:2-3)*

- ▶ Every member deserves the conduct of inclusion
- ▶ It answers the “what” of inclusion

## CONDUCT OF INCLUSION

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**DISTRACTIONS ARE THE EXPECTATION  
NOT THE EXCEPTION**



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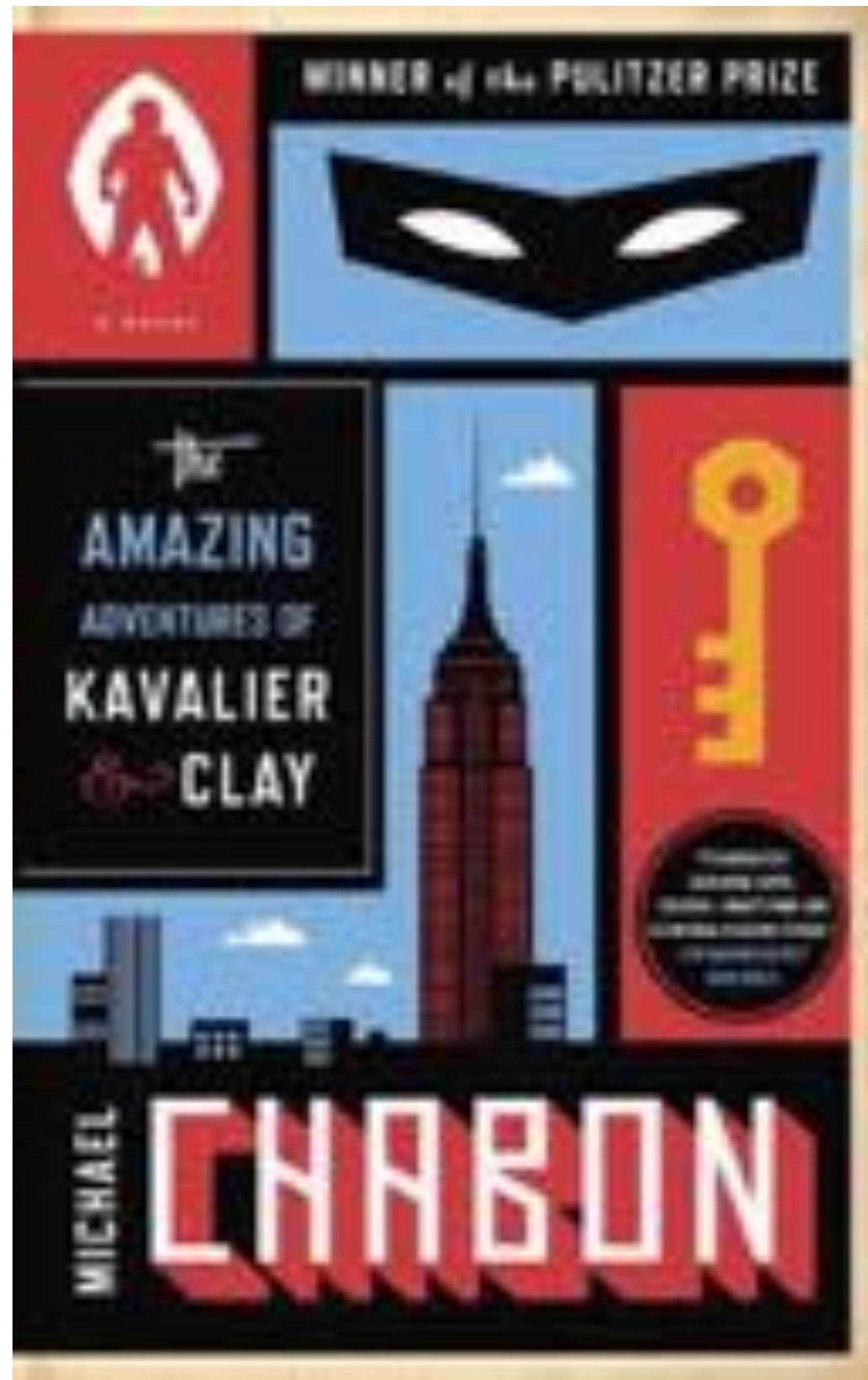




## 2. THE THEOLOGY OF INCLUSION

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6)*

- ▶ Every member needs to know and believe the theology of inclusion
- ▶ It answers the “why” of inclusion



**THE MOST POWERFUL  
QUESTION TO ANSWER  
WHEN CREATING A COMIC  
BOOK HERO IS TO ANSWER  
THE QUESTION 'WHY?'**









### **3. EQUIPPED FOR INCLUSION**

*But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; (Ephesians 4:7, 11-12)*

- ▶ Every member needs to be equipped for inclusion
- ▶ It answers the "how" of inclusion





Ryan Wolfe - Development Disabilities Pastor  
First Church of Canton, Ohio

**Friday, August 12th**

**6:30-8:00PM**

**"Hopes and Dreams for Families Facing Autism"**  
(Unhindered Families)

**8:00-9:00PM**

**"Next Steps in Disability Ministry"**  
(Unhindered Ministry Team)

**Saturday, August 13th**

**8:30-9:30AM**

**"Growing the Vision for Disability Ministry"**  
(Elders and Staff)

**10AM-NOON**

**"Volunteer Training for Disability Ministry"**  
(Children's Ministry Volunteers)





 **Positive  
Steps**







## 4. MATURING IN INCLUSION

*...until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:13)*

- ▶ Every member needs the encouragement and grace to mature in inclusion
- ▶ It answers the “when” of inclusion

## MATURING INCLUSION

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**“I WENT FROM NEVER HEARING ABOUT AUTISM TO  
LEARNING ABOUT AUTISM TO KNOWING SOMEONE  
WITH AUTISM TO LOVING SOMEONE WITH AUTISM.”**

Jim King



# INCLUSION QUESTIONS



- ▶ What do you want? (Conduct)
- ▶ Why do you want it? (Theology)
- ▶ How do you get what you want? (Equipping)
- ▶ When will you get what you want? (Maturity)

***Let the questions both inform you and motivate you. Answer them yourself.  
Encourage your leadership to answer them.***

**We've got to learn to identify where we are in the process toward inclusion and understand where our vulnerabilities lie...in belief or in practice.**