
Next Week's Life Group: Student Take-Over Weekend

Our Church's Definition of a Biblical Disciple of Jesus

A person who is committed to *following, being changed by,* and *on mission* with Jesus (taken from Matthew 4:19).

The Purpose of Life Groups

Life Groups are where we connect with God and with others through relationships - growing in spiritual maturity as biblical disciples of Jesus and inspiring a culture of discipleship as we do life together. Life Groups are loving, safe, and interactive places where people can be authentic and vulnerable as they explore, experience, serve, and grow in relationship with Jesus, the Word, and others. Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11.



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until we all attain to the unity for the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Ephesians 4:13

GETTING STARTED

What was the best team you have been part of and why?

STORY BACKGROUND

Paul continued his letter to the church in Ephesus after outlining our possessions in Christ as His beloved children, the power of salvation from sin and life towards God, and the work of uniting His church under one name by defeating the divisions of race and heritage. By faith through grace, we have all come before God blameless and innocent despite past actions.

In chapter 4 Paul then begins to outline the effects this amazing salvation and love of God has on the church. He shares the characteristics of someone who has experienced the grace of God and then begins to unveil God's plan for unity in His church. Paul shares God's overall plan to grow us all into "maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness" (verse 13). God has equipped us for unity by giving a common mission with various gifts that complement one another and point the body of Christ to Himself.

DISCUSSION

During the *40 Days In The WORD* study in January, we discussed different methods of scripture meditation. One was "Paraphrase It". Read the passage and put it into your own words. Read and paraphrase Ephesians 4:11-16.

Have a few people share their paraphrase with the group.

WALKING IN UNITY



STORY: Ephesians 4 (Read aloud)

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



Head Level: These questions help us to examine what the Word tells us.

- What does Paul say are the characteristics of someone who is living worthy of the calling of Christ (verses 2-3)? List them as a group.
- What five roles did Jesus give for building up the church body into unity (verse 11)? Discuss what you believe the function of each role is.
- Which of these five roles do you believe Jesus embodied most in his earthly life and why? Apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd, or teacher?



Heart Level: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

- Which role has had the most impact on your walk with Christ so far?
- Do you believe unity of faith is possible for the church to attain (verse 13)?
- In your opinion, what does the church need to achieve biblical unity?



Hands Level: These questions help us commit to a next step and live it out in our everyday lives.

- Where do you think God is calling you to use your gifting?
- How is God calling you in this season to move from being a "spectator" in church to a "player"?
- How can the group pray for you as you obey the voice of God in that area?