



Work of Unity Small Group Questions Ephesians 4:1-8 September 21

Community

- Would you rather invent something new or discover something ancient? Why?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- What is one thing you would do differently this week as a result of this message?

Core: Read Ephesians 4:1-8

1. I heard someone say that when you are studying scripture it is good to ask what the "therefore" is there for. Based on the context, what do you think Paul is connecting with this "therefore?"
2. What do you think Paul means when he describes himself as "a prisoner for the Lord?"
3. Paul urges believers to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called. How do you personally define a "worthy" walk in light of your understanding of God's calling in your life?

4. Paul commands his readers to live a life worthy of their calling and then lists some characteristics. What are they? What type of person comes to mind as you read over this list? Who have you witnessed be a good example of this?
5. How do the qualities listed in verses 2-3 display a mature faith? What happens when Christians embody and live out these characteristics?
6. Paul stresses the importance of unity within the local church in this passage. Why is this characteristic so important? What message does a unified church declare to an unbelieving world? What message does a fragmented church send to a skeptical world?
7. Discuss each of the “one’s” in verses 4-6. Is there one of these “one’s” that is more important than the others? Why? Why not?
8. How can you contribute to the unity of the church?
9. What does Paul mean that “grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift?” Does God really give different amounts of grace to different people?
10. Do you think that the church needs every member to exercise their spiritual gifts? What do you think might happen if some members chose to ignore their gifts and not use them in the church?