



Work of Ministry Small Group Questions Ephesians 4:9-16 September 28

Community

- Would you rather live where it's hot all the time or cold all the time?
- 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 4:9-16

1. What is Paul trying to communicate with all the "ascending and descending" in verses 9-10?
2. Define each of the five roles/gifts that Jesus has given the church. How are these gifts/roles lived out in the church today?
3. What is the significance of Paul describing these five roles or gifts and then referencing "saints" other than those roles? What are saints supposed to do? What is the ultimate purpose of those five roles/gifts?
4. According to verses 13-14, what does spiritual maturity look like?

5. What practices and disciplines do you find helpful in growing into the stature of the fullness of Christ?
6. What does speaking truth without love look like? What does love without speaking truth look like? Why are both so essential and necessary?
7. How can we guard against being tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine and deceitful schemes? What role does the knowledge of Scripture and discernment play in protecting us from spiritual deception?
8. Read Ephesians 4:16. The verse is grammatically structured in the following way: the whole body causes the growth of the body. How should this change the way you view your role as a member of our local church?
9. What are some practical ways that you see different parts of the body contributing to the growth of the body at Wallula?

Pray to Close