

**Sunday evening Community Group,
Ephesians 4
Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020**

**The Church, the Body of Christ formed from redeemed Jews
and Gentiles, is to function in a manner worthy of her divine
calling and is to stand against the strategies of Satan.**

I hope each of us will plan to make the time, perhaps weekly or more often, to read the letter in its entirety, noting the fulfillment of God's purpose in the church.

4:1-16: Walk in Unity

1. What is your calling (cf. 1:3-14; 2:19-22; 3:14-19)?

2. Are the traits listed in verses 2-3 considered strengths or weaknesses in the various groups you associate with?

3. Is your life shaped more by your *calling* among men or by your *calling* in Christ?

4. Why has Christ given various gifts to those in the church?

5. Are the gifts for the benefit of the individual or the group?

6. To what extent are you preparing yourself to minister to your fellow Christians?

7. Distinguish between the unity (vv. 3-7) already existing among Christians and the unity (vv. 13-16) that must be sought.

8. Relate the metaphors of children and a boat to the theme of unity here.

9. What is the relationship of truth, love, and growth?

4:17-32: Walk in Holiness

1. Contrast the introduction to this section (vv. 17-19) with the introduction to the last (vv. 1-3).
2. Why are people alienated from the life of God(cf. 2:1-3; Romans 1:18-25)?
3. How should this knowledge determine the content of some of your prayers (cf. 1:17-19)?
4. List the traits that characterize the *a)old* and *b)new* natures.
5. List the reasons given for these traits.
6. Is the *new nature* to be discerned in acts of worship and personal piety, or in social conduct? Why?
7. As you examine your life considering these lists, what indicates that you are *a) putting off the old nature* and *b) putting on the new nature*?