

Seacoast Church Small Group Questions

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New & Improved: Teams [Ephesians 4:1-16] Small Group Lesson

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-16 (NLT) - Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. 2 Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. 3 Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace. 4 We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. 5 There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 and there is only one God and Father, who is over us all and in us all and living through us all. 7 However, he has given each one of us a special gift according to the generosity of Christ. 8 That is why the Scriptures say, "When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people." 9 Notice that it says "he ascended." This means that Christ first came down to the lowly world in which we live. 10 The same one who came down is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that his rule might fill the entire universe. 11 He is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ, 13 until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. 15 Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. 16 Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Icebreaker

- Share about when you first came to Seacoast. What was it like, how did you make friends and what did that feel like?
- Did you feel like this might be a place where God had something for you to do?

Discussion Questions

1. In verse 4:1 Paul calls us to "live a life worthy of the calling that you have received." Have you ever thought about a calling on your life? Why is this so difficult?
2. Greg said "every one of us has been gifted by God, that we didn't choose our gifts, but the team needs our gift." Have members of the small group identify gifts that they see in other members of the group. Discuss how you think these gift(s) might be used here at Seacoast.
3. In what ways do we resist God's call to acts of service?
4. If you were willing to take it to the next level as Greg challenged us, what would that look like? What would your first steps look like?
5. What could your small group do together to encourage each member to answer God's call? How would you get the ball rolling, i.e. attending Newcomers as a group, or enrolling in My Next Steps together?
6. If God's main concern is people coming to know Him as their heavenly Father through His Son Jesus, are you as concerned as God is? Are you really concerned on an emotional level?
7. When God's concern becomes our concern, what will that look like?