

Group Discussion Guide

Week of May 21, 2023

Ephesians 4:11-12 – Offices, Gifts, and the Body of Christ

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What are some things YOU have been trained by others to do? How were you trained? Did you pick it up and do well?
- What are some things you have trained OTHERS to do? How did you train them? Did they pick it up and do well?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

God has gifted certain people in the church, to perform certain functions in the church, for the benefit of everyone in the church.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

Read Ephesians 4:11-12

APOSTLE - A delegate of the Lord establishing a new work or church.

PROPHET - Sets direction for the church with vision from God.

EVANGELIST – A person God uses to bring new sheep/people into the church.

PASTOR – Cares for and leads people in the church.

TEACHER – Instructs and illuminates the word of God to people in the church.

SAINTS – Saved people in the church doing the work of ministry in the church.

- Why do you think God called different people to have different roles in the church, rather than just giving the same calling to everyone?
- Which one of these roles do you feel like God has called you to?
- How do you currently fulfill, or plan on fulfilling this calling in the future?

The progression given to us in Ephesians is...

- 1) The LEADERS - equip the saints.
- 2) The SAINTS – do the work of the ministry.
- 3) The BODY of CHRIST - is edified.

- What do you think would happen if the leaders do not equip the saints?
- What do you think would happen if the leaders equip the saints, but the saints do not do the work of the ministry?

- What would a church be like if the leaders/staff/pastors are the only ones who do the work of the ministry?

BRINGING IT HOME

- Why do you think some people get scared or nervous at the thought of doing the work of the ministry?

The word “MINISTRY” means “SERVE”

- What things get in the way of us serving in our church?
- How can we order our lives in a way where we are more available to serve?

- Do you think it would be possible to accomplish the things listed in Ephesians 4:11-12 if people are not committed to a church family? Why or why not?

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