Group Discussion Guide
Week of May 28, 2023

Ephesians 4:13-16 – Gifted in the Spirit

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- What is a gift you have received that you used a lot?

- Have you ever "re-gifted" a gift that you didn't want?

- Have you ever given someone a gift that they didn't appreciate or use? How did that make you feel?

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 gives us individual spiritual gifts to help our church community become the FULLNESS of what God desires us to be.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

- How would you define the word MATURITY?
- What do you think MATURITY looks like in our faith life with God?

- What can cause us to want to isolate ourselves from other Christians?

Read Proverbs 18:1

- Why do you think it is unwise to isolate ourselves from other Christians?

- What is something you know now that you wish you would have known sooner?

- Do you think you still have things to learn and grow in?

Read Philippians 3:12-16

- In these verses, what was Paul encouraging his fellow Christians to do?

- How does it help us to remember we still have room to grow and mature?

In Ephesians 4, Paul describes how a church grows and matures.

- What are some things Paul says are needed for maturation in the church?

- Do you feel like our church has arrived, or do we still need to grow?

- What do you think is still needed for our church to get to what Paul describes in Ephesians 4:13 as "the fullness of Christ"?

- What do you do when part of your PHYSICAL body isn't working properly?

- What should we do when part of our SPIRITUAL body isn't working properly?

- How can individual spiritual gifts help us become a church that is mature?

BRINGING IT HOME

- Do you believe you have a spiritual gift given to you from God?

- Do you know what that gift is?

- How do you plan to use that gift to help our church grow and mature?

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS