

The Story: Chapter 30

Paul's Final Days

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DURING THE STORY SERIES, REMIX CLASS SESSIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SEGMENTS:

1) THE STORY STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS CHOSEN BY THE LEADER.

2) THE FOLLOWING REMIX QUESTIONS:

Opening Discussion

- What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

Thought #1: God has great plans for each of us personally.

Read Ephesians 4:4-8

“For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all. However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. That is why the Scriptures say, “When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people.”

Pastor Kevin reminded us through this passage that God cares for each of us individually. He loves you and created you with specific gifts and talents for a unique purpose. He has a plan for your life!

Take time to reflect on these unique gifts and talents that the Lord has given to you. To identify these, ask yourself these questions:

What's a task or role that comes easily for me?

What do I excel at or find joy in doing?

What is something others ask for my help with?

How would people describe my character or personality?

The answers to these questions are likely your natural gifts and talents. And each of them is valuable in and of itself! Share what came to mind with your group. How do you or can you use these gifts and talents for the Kingdom?

Thought #2: God has great plans for us as a community.

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

“So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

While we are each uniquely and specifically equipped for good works, we were never meant to do them alone! The beautiful way our gifts weave together with the gifts of
