Sermon Study Notes

A Life Worthy of the Gospel: Walking Worthy Together

Ephesians 4:1-16

Big Idea:

A life worthy of the gospel is a church family walking together in humility, unity, service, and maturity so that the world can see the likeness of Christ in us.

Introduction

Key Question: When people look at my life, do they see the family resemblance of Jesus Christ?

Main Truth: The health of a church is directly connected to the spiritual walk of its members.

I. Walk Worthy Through Christlike Character

Ephesians 4:1-3

"Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called."

Four Marks of a Worthy Walk

□ _____

□ _____

□ _____

□ _____

Key Thought

The first evidence of spiritual maturity is not _____ but _____.

Application: A worthy walk is _____ not when life is easy, but when relationships become _____. Humility chooses _____ over _____ Patience gives _____. Love covers _____.

How am I displaying Christlike character in my:

- Home?

- Church?

- Workplace?

- Relationships?

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II. Guard the Unity Christ Has Created

Ephesians 4:3-6

"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

We Do Not Create Unity

□ Christ _____

□ The Spirit _____.

□ We are called to _____

The Seven Foundations of Our Unity

1. One _____

2. One _____
3. One _____
4. One _____
5. One _____
6. One _____
7. One _____

Key Thought

Unity is protected through humility, not uniformity.

Application

Am I helping to strengthen unity or weaken it?

How The enemy destroys unity in the church.

□ _____

□ _____

□ _____

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III. Use the Gifts Christ Has Given

Ephesians 4:7-12

"For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry."

Christ Gives

□ _____

□ _____

□ _____

He also gives leaders:

□ _____

□ _____

□ _____

□ _____

The Purpose of Church Leadership

To equip the saints for:

_____

_____

The ministry of the church was:

_____

The question is not,

_____

The question is,

Key Thought

A worthy walk moves from being a spectator to becoming a servant.

Personal Reflection

Where is God calling me to serve?

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IV. Grow Together Into the Fullness of Christ

Ephesians 4:13-16

This is the ultimate goal.

Not _____. Not _____. Not _____.

The goal is _____

Marks of Spiritual Maturity

1. Stability in Truth

(v.14)

What causes spiritual instability?

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2. Speaking the Truth in Love

(v.15)

Truth without love becomes:

Love without truth becomes:

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3. Every Member Functioning

(v.16)

The church grows when:

Christian growth is not _____. God designed us _____.

Key Thought

A worthy church is a growing church because every believer is contributing to the body.

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Life Application

Which of these areas needs the most attention in my life?

□ Christlike Character

□ Unity

□ Service

□ Spiritual Maturity

One Action Step I Will Take This Week:

Closing Challenge

God's Family Portrait

As God holds up the picture of His church in Ephesians 4, He asks:

- Does this picture look like me?
- Am I walking worthy of my calling?
- Am I helping my church grow?
- Can others see the family resemblance of Jesus in my life?

Final Truth

A life worthy of the gospel is a church family growing together until the family resemblance of Jesus is unmistakable.

Memory Verse

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called." - Ephesians 4:1 (NKJV)