

Welcome to Staff Meeting

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Big Idea: The Christian community is essential for growth to maturity because Christ has sovereignly gifted every individual with special abilities to minister to one another.

- **A Lofly Call** — Ephesians 1-3
 - *Experiencing the fullness of God's power in Christ*
- **A Worthy Walk** — Ephesians 4-6
 - *Expressing the fullness of God's power in Christ*
- **Walk in Unity (4:1-16)**
 - Protect the Unity (4:1-16)
 - _____ are to walk in unity/oneness that reflects the Trinity's oneness.
 - **Ponder your part (4:7-10)**
 - Our unity is manifested in the diversity of Christ's grace gifts _____.
- **Participate with the parts (4:11-16)**
 - Unity for _____ out of the grace-gifted diversity of _____ is possible because of the ministry of _____ who equip the saints for their ministry.
- The goal/results:

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Ephesians 4:7-16 (week of Nov 24, 2019)

Spent some time catching up and talking story.

Spent some time in the text. Read Ephesians 4:1-16 together.

- As we continue in our study of the "worthy walk," we are going to receive more and more specific and practical instruction. Ephesians 4:7-16 instructs us in the matter of spiritual gifts...
 - Who has given us our "spiritual" gifts?
 - Why is it important for us to recognize God's grace with regard to our spiritual gifts?
- Looking closely at Ephesians 4:8-10...
 - What insight do you gain about spiritual gifts, and what are these verses referring to?
 - Compare Ephesians 4:8-10 with Philippians 2:4-8.
 - Why does Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection give Him authority to bestow spiritual gifts? See Philippians 2:9-11 for insight.
- According to Ephesians 4:11-13...
 - What different spiritual gifts are listed in verse 11?
 - For what purpose are these particular gifts given?
 - See Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Peter 4:10-11 for additional insight.
- Look at Ephesians 4:13. Based on what we've seen so far in Ephesians, how do "we all attain to the unity of the faith..."
- According to Ephesians 4:14-16, what is the result of being equipped and built up as an individual? What effect does this have on the entire body of Christ?
 - What characterizes the believer who is not growing and maturing in Christ?
 - What causes some believers to remain as "children?"
- Thinking about everything we've learned so far in Ephesians, what advice would you give the Ephesians 4:14 believer?

Spent some time sharing and praying together.

- Pray for each other.
- Pray for the unity of our church family.
- Pray for our leaders as they seek to faithfully point us to Christ and equip us for the work of ministry in our everyday lives.