

Small Group Study Questions

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Equipping
Ephesians 4:11-16
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Big Idea: For us to become spiritually mature Christians and continue to grow together as a Church body, we must *give up* (surrender to Him), *get small* (submit to His strategy), *grow up* (strengthen one another) and *go forward* (strive for unity).

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

How does this passage convict you to live as you are called? How are you in conflict with this calling?

What does this passage reveal about God's character and desire for us?

How does this passage point you to Christ?

How does this passage inspire you to surrender, submit, strengthen and strive for unity?

As we enter a new year and a new season for many small groups, it's another opportunity to reflect, embark and embrace.

How have you intentionally grown in your relationship with Christ over the past year? This month?

What is your next step of faith?

What is your hope as we embark on this next chapter in the life of this group?

How can we better embrace the idea of authentic Christian relationships?

How can this new chapter be an opportunity for you to embrace Christ's picture of unity between believers?

Prayer Prompt: Father, as the Psalmist wrote, "behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" Please guide our hearts and minds so that we, as Christ does for us, love and care for each other well and follow your simple plan toward unity. Encourage us to be beacons of hope to our city, our neighbors and our friends as we share what you have done for us to further your mission!

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. - 1 Peter 3:8