“Ghost Stories: Together”

Ephesians 4: 1-16

Notes

God is in the business of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lives.

* “And at the same time that we are justified, yea in that very moment, sanctification begins.” (John Wesley)
* “…the renewal of our souls after the image of God, in righteousness and true holiness, in justice, mercy, and truth.” (John Wesley)

As the Holy Spirit works to change our lives, we need to bear in mind that it’s mostly done through some aspect of this fallible thing we call the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* “…the people we surround ourselves with have a profound effect on who we are.” (Malcolm Gladwell)
* Although our Christian faith and experience must be personal, they cannot be private. The more private we seek to make them, the more distorted they become. Jesus’ life and ministry were never matters of private religious feelings that he kept to himself: He lived his life for others. A personal experience of Christ kept private soon dies. (Maxie Dunnam)
* Our faith isn’t simply to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and we do have a mission to the world to keep in mind.
* “Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them” (Matthew 18:20).

The earliest Christians understood themselves to be an assembly of people given life by the Holy Spirit for the sole purpose of *being* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *in the world.*

* As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:1-6)
* Unity comes from sharing the common hope of our calling and salvation, not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Becoming what Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – that’s really what it means to grow in the Spirit.

* We need \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to become what God wants us to be.
* By God’s grace and to his glory, none of us are what we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and we aren’t what we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.