

Welcome!

I am so glad you came tonight! Please rest assured that this is a safe place! Your voice has value and your opinion matters. Even when we disagree we will always strive to remain respectful and loving; we ask that you strive to do the same.

If you have questions or want to connect after service, please feel free to talk to me to set up a time for coffee or a meal (my treat)! Let us know how we can pray for you about anything on your mind... we are here for each other!

Thanks again, my contact information is below... if you need anything don't hesitate to ask.

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CALLED OUT: Influence the Church

Text: Ephesians 4:1-16

THE CHURCH THAT WORKS TOGETHER REFLECTS TOGETHER

Discussion Questions

Feel free to talk or sit and listen! All opinions and voices are welcome as long as they are spoken in love and respect. Have a question not listed? Come talk to Larry (the guy up front)!

The questions guiding our conversation tonight are only suggestions to get the discussion started. You may feel more comfortable answering one of these three questions:

All Sections:

1. As you were listening to our speaker, what was said that caught your attention?
2. Was anything said that you found confusing? Be as specific as possible.
3. What questions do you have from what was shared by our speaker?

Who we are as a church matters - how we respond to the world matters even more.

- We will intentionally seek the truth, in love, no matter where we are or who we are with.
- We will proudly proclaim Christ and will not shy away from his truth.
- We will be a church that speaks the truth in love while caring for the lost.

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Section 1: Unified Representation (*Ephesians 4:1-6*)

1. God does not need anything or anyone. He is self-sufficient and does not need nor require our help. Why, then, does he put so much value and responsibility on the church? Why has he chosen us to be the main vehicle for the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
2. Does your view (or theology) of God show in how you feel about the Church? How well do you love the church? What can you do to show more love to your fellow Christians?
3. With the value and weight God puts on the Church to be unified, why do Christians struggle with this concept so much? What can be done, in your opinion, to make unity more of a priority?

Section 2: Gifted Representation (*Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-13*)

1. What Scriptures come to mind (either in the Old or New Testament) when you think of the unique gifts God has given his people? Talk through these texts and explain why they have significant meaning to you.
2. What is your gift? How does your gift serve others? How does your gift help others grow in their faith?
3. If these gifts are only given to Christians then why are their similar gifts of leadership, caregiving, etc in people who are not Christian? Does this invalidate the text we just read?

Section 3: Reflected Representation (*Ephesians 4:14-16*)

1. God has always wanted us to be reflections of his nature. What examples can you find of this in the Old Testament? How do these verses help us to understand the text we've read tonight?
2. In what ways are you a good reflection of Christ? In what ways are you a poor reflection of Christ?
3. How well does the church prove they are a reflection of Jesus? Does the church, in your experience, love well? In what ways can the church be better?



Now that you've experienced tonight's conversation, we welcome your response.

Scan this code to see what is available tonight and beyond.