

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

4.1.26 & 4.8.26

Ephesians...United We Serve

Lesson Summary (Ephesians 4:7-16):

Tonight, Pastor Cam will teach on Ephesians 4, where Paul talks about believers receiving spiritual gifts from Jesus Christ. In the lesson, we will learn that to live like Christ followers, we are to discover our spiritual gifts, use our gifts to build the church, and use our gifts to grow to maturity. We will also learn that to live together in unity, we must know what we believe, speak the truth in love, and serve Christ's church, leading us to become more like Christ.

Key Points:

2 Truths:

1. SERVING each other is how we BUILD unity
2. SPIRITUAL GIFTS are how we go farther

3 Steps to Maximize Your Impact:

1. DISCOVER your spiritual gift
 - The TYPE and AMOUNT of Gifting is Determined by Jesus
 - Gifts are a Sign of Jesus' VICTORY
 - You will discover your gift as you SERVE
2. Use Your Gifts to BUILD the CHURCH
3. Use Your Gifts to GROW to MATURITY

4 Marks of Maturity:

- Stability in SOUND DOCTRINE
- Speaking the TRUTH in LOVE
- SERVING the BODY
- CHRISTLIKENESS

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Cam's lesson tonight was about unity; describe what unity is. Why do you think unity is so important in Christ's Church?

2. Everyone who has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior has received a spiritual gift(s), but *not* everyone has the same spiritual gift. How can we live together in unity if we are all different? How could we use our differences to build unity in the church?
3. How can serving help you discover your spiritual gift? What steps could you take to discover it?
4. Why is it important that we use our gifts to build the church? What would happen if we kept our gifts to ourselves?
5. Why do you think it is necessary and vital to know what you believe about God and the Bible? What could you do to learn how to defend your faith?
6. Sometimes, staying quiet when it comes to a sin issue or conflict in another person can actually do more harm than good. When confronting someone about a sin issue or conflict, why is it important to balance truth and love? How could you do that this week?
7. Serving the body of Christ is one of the four ways to grow to spiritual maturity that Pastor Cam talked about. Are you currently serving in your home church? If not, why not?
8. Christlikeness is a big word meaning to become more like Christ. What steps could we take this week to accomplish that?