

Small Discipleship Groups Sermon Guide Questions 9 OCTOBER 2022



Conversation starter to begin:

What is your favorite team sport or group activity, and why?

Next:

Read **Ephesians 4:1-15** aloud. Before you begin, pray and ask God to illuminate you, to show you where he has been at work and present in the previous days, and through others; ask Him to illuminate the Scripture to you. Pause in your prayer, listen, and pursue His leading.

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- 1. What is God's purpose in giving gifts to His people? Why is it important that each part of "the body" does its work?
- 2. What does it mean to speak "the truth in love" (v 15)? How is this different than only telling the truth?
- 3. According to this passage, what's the problem with trying to live the Christian life apart from the church? In what ways do you need others?
- 4. Discuss the calling you believe you have received; include some of its encouragement, challenge, or both.
- 5. Of the four roles Paul describes, which do you resonate with the most and why? Apostle (pioneer and church planter), prophet (motivator and encourager), evangelist (soul winner), or pastor/teacher (trainer and coach)? How can any such gift given to you be developed?
- 6. Are you more likely to "speak the truth" or "in love" to try to keep the peace? To achieve a balance, what do you need to learn?
- 7. Pray as it flows from your discussion. How might God be inviting you or your group to respond and make an application?

