

EPHESIANS 4:11-25

THE PURPOSE OF SMALL GROUPS



SESSION 6

OUTLINE

BIG IDEA:

God has equipped the saints to minister to one another so that every believer would be built up together to be more like Jesus.

REVIEW

READ Ephesians 4:11-25

OBSERVE

1. What job did God give to the professional ministers (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds and Teachers), and what job did he give to the rest of the saints? (12-14)
2. How are the saints supposed to accomplish their job? (15)
3. What are the results of the saints doing their job? (14, 17-24)
4. Why are we obligated to speak the truth to one another? (25)

INTERPRET

1. Why do Christians hold back from living a life of ministry?
2. How does our text address the concerns that hold Christians back from a life of ministry?

ASSESS

1. What circumstances are most likely to make you feel “tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine”?
2. When did you last “speak the truth in love” to someone? How did it go?
3. When you think of putting off the old self and putting on the new self, what do you think of? Do you see it as an exciting invitation, a heavy burden or something else entirely?
4. In what ways does your relationship with Jesus and your Small Group impact your daily life?

NOTES

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Weekly Reading Plan

Acts 2:37-47
Matthew 28:18-20
Colossians 1
Philippians 2
1 Peter 1-2

MUTUAL MINISTRY

HOW DID YOUR PLAN GO?

APPLY

1. Who in your life do you need to speak the truth in love toward this week?
2. How are you going to commit to building up the body of Christ and speaking the truth with your neighbor?
3. Do you sense God calling you to lead a Small Group? Why or why not?
4. Are there any other steps of obedience God is calling you to from the SG Discussion?

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