



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Ephesians 4:1-16

(Memory Verse)

Ephesians 4:1 *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,*

(Ephesians 4:1-3): **1** I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, **2** with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, **3** endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Question: What does it mean to be called by the Lord, and when did you first realize God was calling you to follow Him?

Question: What does it mean to *walk worthy of your calling*?

Question: Why would Paul *beseech* the Church to walk worthy of their callings?

Question: How does lowliness, gentleness, and long suffering aid in bearing with one another in love in your home as well as in the Church?

(Ephesians 4:4-6): 4 [There is] one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all.

Question: What is polytheism, and how does this verse help the Christian understand there is only one way to heaven?

Question: Explain how God is above all, and how He works in us and through us.

(Ephesians 4:7-10): 7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." 9 (Now this, "He ascended"--what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

Question: How does God's grace work itself out in the distribution of spiritual gifts to the members of His Church?

Question: What does it mean when it says that Jesus led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men?

Question: How did Jesus lower Himself in coming to this earth, and how does this speak to our need for lowliness, gentleness, and longsuffering?

(Ephesians 4:11-12): **11** And He Himself gave some [to be] apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Question: What is the Lord's purpose for raising up apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers? Highlight some of the unique aspects of each office.

Question: How are the saints to fulfill the work of the ministry, and what is the end result?

(Ephesians 4:13-16): **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- **16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Question: Why is the teaching of the Word of God so important?

Question: How does a Christian end up being tossed to and fro with new doctrines, fads, and deceitful teachings? What can a Christian practically do to stay on course?

Question: How does each Christian serving in some capacity help the growth of the Church, and really display the love of Christ?