

# August 8 – 14, 2021

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Read the Key Passage: Ephesians 4:1-13

**Icebreaker Questions:** Why do you show up for church and small group? What are you looking for?

#### Ephesians 4:1

- What do we know about the author of Ephesians? Why was he in prison?
- What is the word “therefore” there for? What do we learn about our calling in the first half of the book? (do a quick overview of the section headings in your Bible) What would it mean for our lives to align with that calling?

#### Ephesians 4:2

- How does reading this verse make you feel? Is it appealing to you? Why or why not?
- Knowing that “meekness” (ESV “gentleness”) is a term used to describe a horse, which is strong and powerful, yet easily bridled by the master. How does this change the way you respond to these characteristics?

#### Ephesians 4:3-12

- Why is Unity so important that Jesus focuses on it in His final High Priestly prayer? (*John 17*)
- In verse 3, why is the word “maintain” significant? How would it be different if it were replaced with the word “create”?
- In verse 8, what does it make you think knowing that this verse is referring to a king who is returning home after winning a war? (*Psalms 68:18*)
- In verse 11, what have you learned about this list of spiritual gifts?
- What does a church that equips the saints for the work of ministry look like?
- What does church look like when Christians focus on things we may have disagreements rather than focusing on all that we have in common?

#### Read Ephesians 4:13 & Acts 2:42-47

- What is the church meant to look like according to these 2 passages?
- What in Acts 2:42-47 resonates with you, especially based on the icebreaker question?
- What about these two passages is compelling to you?



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