

why church?

The Building of a New Community

Ice Breaker: Would you rather lead a large ministry or deeply disciple a few people? Why?

Read: Ephesians 4, Matthew 10:1, Galatians 6:1-2, Matthew 9:35-36, John 4:19-24

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - What are some challenges you see facing the church today?
 - What gives you hope for the future of the church?
- The Five “E’s” of Healthy Church Development:
- Empowerment and Advancement (Ephesians 4:11; Matthew 10:1)
 - Who has been influential in your spiritual growth, and how did they empower you?
 - What is one way you can encourage or invest in another person's spiritual growth this week?
- Equipping and Formation (Ephesians 4:12-14)
 - What does it mean to be "equipped" as a follower of Jesus?
 - How is spiritual maturity different from simply gaining biblical knowledge?
 - According to this passage, what dangers come from remaining spiritually immature?
- Engagement and Care (Ephesians 4:15-16; Galatians 6:1-2)
 - Why is both truth and love necessary in healthy relationships?
 - Why is every person's contribution important to the health of the church?
- Evangelism and Outreach (Ephesians 4:17-24; Matthew 9:35-36)
 - What contrasts do you see between the old life and the new life described in this passage?
 - What keeps Christians from sharing their faith with others?
 - How does personal transformation strengthen our witness to the world?
- Experience of Worship (Ephesians 4:25-32; John 4:19-24)
 - Which instruction in these verses do you find most challenging to live out?
 - How does the way we treat one another become an act of worship?
- Closing Thoughts — Empty Tomb and Radical Grace (Ephesians 4:1-10)
 - Which of the Five E's do you think you / your church does best?
 - Which area could you / your church focus on strengthening in this season?
 - To show God's transforming work through the way you live and love others.

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

Icebreakers, Groups Support, FAQ

