

Small Group Study Guide- Ephesians 4:13-16
The Gospel Unleashed Part Seven

"You must not do, you must not even try to do, the will of the Father unless you are prepared to 'know of the doctrine.'"

-C.S. Lewis

1) Gifted people are called to minister with their gifts. (Eph. 4:13)

- What does “unity of faith” look like?
- What does “unity of the knowledge of the Son of God” look like?
- How might these two exhortations be a balance of interpretation and application? (Head & heart knowledge!)
- What are your gifts? How are you using them in the church?

2) Gifted people help the church mature in ministry. (Eph. 4:14)

- Give examples of “every wind of doctrine” that leads people away from the truth of the gospel. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and discuss the importance of sound doctrine.
- Next, discuss the importance of living out sound doctrine. According to the 2 Tim. passage, what does it mean to be “competent” and “equipped” in our good works. (See Matt. 5:16)
- What are the other two examples of heresy that Paul gives us? What are modern day examples and/or applications?

3) Gifted people help the church reach maturity. (Eph. 4:15-16)

- How is “speaking the truth in love” contrasted from the examples of V-14? Why do we tend to think of speaking the truth in love as meekness instead of honest boldness? In context, does it seem that speaking in love is more about motive, then method? How do we balance this?
- How are we using our lives to be connected to the body by serving? How are we helping it grow in unity and love?