

February 24, 2019

“Equipped to Serve to Build Up” Ephesians 4:7-13

Ice Breaker:

Are you more likely to attend a sporting event, concert/symphony, or theater/play?

What is the most chaotic or unorganized thing you’ve experienced? What is the most organized or orderly thing you’ve experienced? How did each make you feel?

Read Ephesians 4:7-13

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. How does section 4:7-13 connect with the previous section in 4:1-6? Is the diversity and variety a contradiction, an alternate option or different aspect of the unity presented earlier in the chapter? Explain.
3. Why do you think Paul connected Jesus Christ’s giving gifts with the reminder of what He accomplished by coming to earth from heaven? What significance does that make?
4. What are some of the spiritual gifts God has given to you to serve the body?
(If your LIFE group doesn’t know their spiritual gifts, it may be a helpful exercise to go through the Spiritual Gifts Inventory together)
5. Are there some spiritual gifts you may think are better than others? Why? How might that thought influence the way we view the spiritual gifts and others?
6. What are some areas of ministry you’d like to get involved in to use your spiritual gifts?
7. What are some things that may hold you back from using your spiritual gifts? What could you do to address that and begin using them?
8. How have you seen using your spiritual gifts build up other believers? How have you seen it build unity in the body of Christ?

Pray for one another (and your group missionary).

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1. Jesus Christ gives gifts to each believer based on His completed work.

2. Spiritual Gifts have been given:

A. To equip believers

- What are your spiritual gifts?

B. To serve one another

-Are you using your God-given gifts?

C. To build up the body of Christ.

- When using your God-given gifts does it build up other believers and build unity in the body of Christ?