

Small Group Questions - Oct. 4, 2020

Read Ephesians 4:1-16

1. In verse 14, St. Paul described immaturity in our thinking and faith to be as fatal as children in a ship in the middle of a stormy ocean. Why is knowing truthfully and understanding rightly a matter of life or death?
2. In verse 15, St. Paul describes that we grow up in every way into Him who is our Head, into Christ, by speaking the truth in love. How does speaking the truth in love "grow" us up into Jesus?
3. According to Jon Thompson, author of *Convergence*, there are six word gifts: teaching, encouraging, exhorting, leading, shepherding, and evangelising. How have you experienced growth and encouragement in your Christian life through people exercising their word gifts?
4. Do you think you have one or more of the word gifts? Whether or not you feel you have a word gift, how can we as a parish grow up in our loving and gracious truth-telling to one another so as to grow up into the image of Jesus?