

## **Feb 23/25 – Small Group Questions**

### **Ephesians 4:1-16 “Walk Worthy of the Calling”**

#### **Read Ephesians 4:1-16**

1. Paul opens this chapter with the word “therefore”– What does 4:1 lead you to expect will be Paul’s focus in chapters 4-6?
2. From our exploration of chapters 1-3 how would you define the calling that we as the church are called to?

In this text Paul shares with us the 3 gifts that God gives so that we might walk in a manner worthy (in balance, in equilibrium) with the calling. There first is the gift of unity

3. (4-6) What provides the basis for our unity? What do each of these mean?
4. (2) How do each of these virtues help us to “maintain the unity”?

The second gift we are given are Jesus’ ministering abilities lavished upon each individual in the church.

5. Read Ps 68 for the context to Paul’s quotation. How does this Psalm help us to see the work of Jesus on our behalf?
6. What ministering abilities has Jesus bestowed on each in your group? How could you as a group support one another in the use of each of your gifts? (Depending on the comfort level of your group you could explore this right in the moment or simply ask your group to write a note of encouragement to someone within the church or group for how you see God’s work in and through the gifts they have been given.)

God also gives specific individuals to the church – apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherd teachers.

7. (11-12) These are word-based ministries – given to expound and teach the apostolic faith so that the people of God might be equipped (restored to the condition they should be in). In what way does the teaching and preaching of the word of God do this work? How can we as a community come more under the equipping of the word of God?
8. (13-16) What does a church that is living in balance, in equilibrium with the calling look like?