

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

EPHESIANS: Awake, O Sleeper - Ephesians 4:7-16 - Unity Part 2: Equipped for Oneness - 03.03.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you ever been given a role/work for which you felt ill-equipped at the time you were given that responsibility?
How did you respond? (Did you seek to be better equipped, disregard/neglect this work due to feeling unable, etc.)?
What did you learn and how did you grow through that experience?
3. Consider the call to unity given to all followers of Christ in Ephesians 4:1-16.
How specifically has God equipped all of us through the Holy Spirit to be united to one another?
In verses 7-9 we see how God has gifted each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift:
How does the receiving of different gifts as individual believers actually lead to GREATER unity rather than individualism?
How can these gifts be misused (or go unused) in such a way that we contribute to division rather than unity?
How specifically have you been gifted by the Lord and how does this gifting benefit the Body of Christ as a whole?
Are you currently serving Christ's Body and using the gift(s) He's given you in order to do so? Why or why not?
**If you aren't sure how the Lord has gifted you for service in His Body, please reach out so we can help you discover that!*
4. How do the apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastors & teachers specifically bless the church in their respective roles?
How have we all been blessed by the works of the apostles & prophets who've gone before us? (*consider God's Word*)
Have you been blessed by evangelists and pastors/teachers in your lifetime, and if so, how have they helped grow?
Have you experienced blessings & challenges by those in these roles? How has God grown you through it all?
How does the Body, under Christ's headship, when functioning properly, work to build itself up (one Body, many members)?
What role does Christ play in our ability to build one another up? (remember what verse 7 says; this will help!!)
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
We are individually equipped for our calling!
We're each given gifts Jesus has chosen for us!
We must use these gifts to serve one another!
We are collectively equipped for our calling!
Jesus gives The Word & laborers for His Body!
We seek to work in accordance with the Word!
We are collaboratively equipped for our calling!
As we mature, the Body builds itself up in love!
We work TOGETHER to build one another up!