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Week 5

Opening Prayer

Review

Discuss the following from our lesson in Ephesians (2:11-3:13)

1. How involved should we be in the church? (Recall what 81% of North Americans said to the following: *Do you believe that you can be a very good Christian without attending The Church?*)
2. What does a healthy church look like?
3. What does a healthy church do?

Opening Table Discussion:

4. What's something you did as a child that you still really enjoy?
 5. What does it mean to "grow up" in the faith? And why would God have us mature as Christ followers?
- **Read: Ephesians 3:14-4:16** and jot down below any words that stand out to you.

Video 5

Discussion Questions

6. What comments or stories struck you from this video? Did anything shine a new light on the biblical material?

7. How can we “live a life worthy of our calling” as Paul mentions in the beginning of chapter four? How does he describe that worthy life?

8. Take a look again at Ephesians 4:4-6. Why do you think Paul emphasizes “oneness” so much? Is this still significant today?

9. Respond to J.D.’s explanation of “Ability, Affinity, Affirmation” (See page 3 for take-home applications). How does this explanation of spiritual gifts resonate with you?

10. Who does the ministry of the Church? What does this mean then for your life in our congregation? (see again Ephesians 4:7-13)

11. According to Ephesians 4:12-13 what are we striving for?

Closing Prayer

Dear God, we pray for maturity and unity in Your Church. Bring to mind those abilities, affinities, and affirmations that are consistent with Your will for our lives, and continue to equip us for works of service that grow Your Kingdom. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Personal Application Questions from Today's Lesson

Ability

What is something you do—in your work, at home, or at church—that you seem to be pretty good at?

When did you first notice that you had that ability? (As a kid? When you started a particular job? When someone mentioned it?)

Have you gotten better at that area of expertise through the years?

Affinity

What is something you're really passionate about? (Some people group? Some activity? Some part of the world? Some need? Dig into the passions God may be putting on your heart.)

When did you recognize that passion for the first time?

Has the passion grown stronger, or changed in some way?

Affirmation

Think about a time when someone thanked you for something you did or mentioned that you were helpful to them. What action were they talking about?

When did this happen? Has it happened often?

Is there a way you could do that type of action (the thing someone appreciated) on a regular basis, or even more intentionally than you do now?