



## House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on June 20, 2021

**Sermon:** The Nature and Purpose of Church  
**Text:** Ephesians 4:25-32

**NOTE:** There will be no House Church Guidelines posted for next week. It is joint service with the community churches and we are taking one week off from House Church.

### Gathering Guidelines

-Watch intro video for this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRZhngCumM8>

### Take some time to worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE> Reckless Love

### Read

Ephesians 4:25-32

### Discussion Questions

**Icebreaker Question:** So you have just found out that you get \$5000 back for your tax return. What do you do with it?:

- Pay debt
- Downpayment on a new car
- Go on a trip
- Bury it in the backyard
- Something else?

**Question #1:** One thing that Ephesians seems to emphasize is the call of God to transform us the church. As we grow, we reflect Jesus more clearly, and the world sees Him through us.

**One of the things Ephesians 4:25 says is that we should 'speak truthfully to our neighbour'. Our neighbour here is our brothers and sisters in the church.**

**What does speaking truthfully to people in the Body of Christ really look like to you?**

**Question #2: In verse 26 it says "in your anger do not sin," which seems to imply that getting angry is not necessarily sinful but there are things that we should not do while angry because those things can be sinful.**

**If you keep reading this verse it tells us that we should 'not let the sun go down while you are still angry'. If we get angry and don't deal with it quickly then we will be caught up into sin.**

**Can you think of an effective way to address your anger quickly with someone who is your neighbour in the church? What obstacles might stand in the way of doing this?**

**Question #3: Verse 29 says "Do not let unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."**

**Can you think of a few examples of unwholesome talk?  
How about some examples of what building others up might look like?**

**Question #4: Verse 32 says "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."**

**Think about this and be really honest with yourself: Does the fact that God forgave you of your sin really impact your heart and mind in daily life?**

**If you struggle to experience the love and forgiveness of God in your life, it can be a struggle to forgive others.**

**If you want to experience in greater measure the reality of God's forgiveness and love take some time in your group to thoughtfully pray for each other for this blessing.**

**Invitation and Mission for this week**

**Ephesians talks a lot about how God is inviting His people (the church) to deeper transformation in Him. With this in mind you are being asked to partner with God for the benefit of your fellow House Church members.**

**This week make the effort to phone/text/have coffee with the other members of your House Church and pray a quick blessing over them. The prayer should include asking the Lord to help them to experience the love and forgiveness of God more deeply.**

**This might feel very awkward for some of you. It's really good for you to be stretched. You don't have to make it long, or a big deal. Just keep it very simple. And when you have received prayer make sure to say 'thank you'!**

**I'm already proud of each and every one of you!  
Pastor Brian.**