



House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on June 6, 2021

Sermon: The Nature and Purpose of Church

Text: Ephesians 4:7-16

Icebreaker Question: If you could go anywhere in the world for a vacation where would you go? If you could go there with anyone who would you choose?

Last Week's Mission:

This is what you were asked to do last week:

You are invited to ask the Lord to show you three things that hold you back from allowing Jesus to transform you into loving others as Jesus loves you. Take time to pray and think this through. You will be expected to bring your list to the next house church gathering.

Take some time now to share this with each other. You may want to also take some time to pray for each other.

Watch intro video for this week:

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

Take some time to worship:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Olboyq0U7EA> "Thank You"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxkNj5hcy5E> "No Longer Slaves to Fear"

Read

Ephesians 4:7-16

Discussion Questions

Question #1:

When you think of 'church', is your first thought, 'that means me', or do you think of the building, the programs that happen there and the Sunday service?

Question #2:

If you listened to the Sunday message on Ephesians 4:7-16 you would have heard that verse 11 is a list of spiritual giftedness. So there are those that are gifted to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, and each of these spiritually gifted people are active in the church today.

It says in verse 12 that these spiritually gifted people are there to 'prepare God's people for works of service. . .'

What kinds of thoughts do you have about what 'works of service' means?

Question #3:

When we are taught and trained by the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers that God provides for us, we receive great blessing.

Read Ephesians 4:12-13 and identify all the ways that you and I (the church) are blessed when we are trained and step out in works of service.

Question #4:

In your mind, does the current model of church, the way you understand it, help us in becoming trained for works of service?

-How might the model need to change?

-How might you need to change?

Invitation and Mission for this week

This week take some time to do a spiritual gift test to begin the process of discovering what might be ways that God has gifted you.

You can click on the following link to do the test:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/bhpub/edoc/DOC-Spiritual-Gifts-Survey.pdf>

Bring the results of your test to your House Church gathering next week.

Pray for each other