

**A UNIFIED CHURCH
EPHESIANS 4: 1 – 16**

*Chi Alpha
Lifegroup Guide
Ephesians*

LESSON PREP

As you prepare for this week's lesson think about your specific talents and how God challenges you to use them. Think through and share a few stories of how God used you.

PRE LG TEXT

MESSAGE QUESTIONS

What are your biggest strengths?

**SCRIPTURE
MEMORIZATION**

Ephesians 4:15

1ON1 FOLLOW UP

Do you use your talents as a way to give back to God?

Do you see yourself as a leader using your talents?

Is diversity important to you?

OVERVIEW

The following video by The Bible Project gives a great overview of the book of Ephesians: <https://youtu.be/Y71r-T98E2Q>

INTRODUCTION

Paul shared how salvation came for both the Jews and the Gentiles which painted the picture of a beautiful diverse church. While the Church (all Christians) is diverse, it must also be unified. Paul writes here not to discourage what everyone uniquely brings to the table, but keep everyone and all of their gifts working together towards the same goal – to build maturity in Christ.

Read Ephesians 4: 1 – 16

1. Unity in all things – what's the purpose

- What does Paul encourage to make every effort to do? Why do you think this was so important (keeping in mind last Ephesian's Bible Study)?
- Why do you think Paul draws out all of the oneness in verses 4 - 6? – our faith is full of unity amongst diversity – 3 persons one God, Jesus (one man) had two natures, etc. there is a beautiful oneness to follow
- What will the church accomplish by being unified? – verses 13 and 15 – maturity
- Scripture says that we will do this by speaking the truth in love (v 15) – what does that mean to you?
- We work together as different parts of the body, but it's important to keep Christ at the head. What happens if we don't?

2. Different Gifts – how do we do this?

- In verse 11 who did Jesus give? (leaders with different jobs) and who did He give them to? (The Church). For what purpose?
- Do you know the roles as described in verse 11? Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers
- What gifts and talents do you feel like God has specifically given to you?
- Do you feel like you use these to help those around you grow in maturity for Christ?

APPLICATION

What is one way you can go out of your way use your gift to help someone around you this week?

