

SUNDAY'S SERMON // SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 EPHESIANS 4:7-13 // GIFTS TO GROW

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Use these questions in your community (family, life group, ABF, etc.) to apply this sermon in your life.

- 1. Read Ephesians 4:7-13. There are some very confusing parts in the passage, we're going to focus on the theme of maturity in Christ. Have you ever shared your story of faith with your group? If not, do so. When did you come to know the Lord? How is your life different now than it was before you knew him?
- 2. When you think about a mature Christian, what are some of the character traits that come to mind? How does maturity in our faith happen?
- 3. Throughout our journeys with the Lord, we build relationships with other believers that push us towards Him. Who are the people throughout your life that have been spiritual mentors and helped to shape you? Are there younger believers in your life that you are spurring on towards Christ? Who? (Read Titus 2 for further study)
- 4. God has given us many gifts. This passage specifically references the gifts of grace as well as spiritual leaders for the church. It also says that we in the church are gifts to each other. In what ways have you been gifted that you can bless the church? How are you using your gifts in the church?
- 5. Close in prayer praying for those who have mentored you in the faith and those you are mentoring. Thank God for those people and pray for their continued maturity in faith. If you don't have these people in your life, pray that God would bring them into your life for your growth and theirs!

NEXT SUNDAY // SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 ISAIAH 9:6 // WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

SCRIPTURE: READING ABOUT GOD

Take time to read and become familiar with this passage before hearing it preached next Sunday.

- What words were used/repeated/emphasized in this passage?
- Where else in Scripture are these words described/illustrated?
- How does this passage describe God?
- In your own words, summarize this passage, trying to identify the main theme.

PRAYER: COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

Allow your responses to these questions to affect your prayers this week for...

- Yourself
- The Church
- Your Oikos