



# ENGAGE GUIDE

## SUNDAY'S SERMON // SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 EPHESIANS 4:14-16 // MATURING IN CHRIST

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

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

1. In this week's sermon, Tom challenged us to be aware of focusing on ourselves because when we do, our viewpoint is incredibly limited. What are we robbed of when our focus is always internal? How are things different when our focus is on God and His power?
2. Our main text this week, Ephesians 4:14-16, uses a word picture of a small child being tossed in the waves to illustrate the need for maturity and discernment in the church. Can you relate? Share a time in your life when you felt absolutely helpless in the face of an intense trial or difficulty. Where there grounded, mature people to help you get on your feet again? What were those mature people rooted in? How were they so grounded and able to help you?
3. Verse 15 admonishes believers to "speak the truth in love" to each other. Why are each of these things (speaking, truth, and love) important? Why do we need to verbally speak? What's important about truth? Are we actually speaking truth, or is it false truth that we are easily swayed by in today's culture? Why do it in love?
4. If we as the body of Christ are speaking the truth in love to each other to push each other to maturity as we depend on Christ alone, what will the church look like? Is this what the church looks like today?
5. Pray for the global church, and for LEFC, that we would be a church full of mature believers who are speaking the truth in love and boldly proclaiming the gospel to those with no hope or foundation who are being tossed around by the storms of life.

## NEXT SUNDAY // SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 EPHESIANS 4:17-24

### **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