Week 4 Sermon Outline

Who Will You Serve? Ephesians 4:11-13

INTRO: Joshua 24:15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

- Choose you THIS DAY whom you will serve!
- Are we divided or united?
- Have we chosen to trust and serve Jesus?

Read Ephesians 4:11-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Jesus provides for his church in all ways

One side is the need. Other side is God's provision What's in the middle? You are! God provides you! God calls people to serve in all parts of your church

God builds up His church

- 1. Spiritually
- 2. Numerically
- 3. In unity

God is calling us all - including you

Every believer is called to serve Jesus. Every believer is called to build up Jesus' church Every believer is a minister, and some believers are called to ministry leadership

Response time

- 1. Ask congregation to form a circle around the sanctuary. Have a time of prayer for God to unify His church and to call out people to serve
- 2. Have large paper hung around the sanctuary with Ministry on one, Ministry Leadership on another, Pastoral Leadership on another, and Missions Leadership on another. Ask every person to what area they are called to serve or lead in. Ask them to write their name on that paper.

Prayer Prompts

- 1. Read Ephesians 4
- 2. Pray for unity
- 3. Pray for God to reveal those called to serve in each area
- 4. Pray for Obedient hearts and mouths in your church

Reflection Questions

- 1. Does our church feel unified about anything?
- 2. How can we as a church come together?
- 3. What are our biggest leadership needs?
- 4. Are we praying or just complaining?