

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 and ask God what ministry He has called you to serve; if you are already serving in that ministry, ask if you should become equipped to lead in it.
2. Pray for unity in the faith as each member submits to the lordship of Christ, being equipped and working properly in their respective place within His body.
3. Pray for God to confirm through His Spirit residing in His people those called to serve in each area of ministry.
4. Pray for obedient hearts and mouths in our church as members faithfully speak truth to one another in love for building one another up.

Reflection Questions

1. In what ways is our church unified in the faith? What are some of the evidences of this as expressed through the specific ministries of our church?
2. How can we as a church “fan into flame the gift of God” imparted to each member of our church in a manner that will increase our unity?
3. As we consider our specific ministries that give evidence of our unity in the faith and the specific giftedness of our members, what are our greatest leadership needs?
4. Reflect on 2 Peter 1:5-9 and be encouraged that just as Jesus has been faithful to call and equip you, he will be for the other believers in the church. How might He desire to use you in that process for their good and God’s glory?

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