


## 4-10-22 Facilitator - The Body of Christ, Eph 4 vs 7-16

### 1. Launchers:

- When have you felt like you did not measure up? How did you react? What did you do?

### 2. Worship God for Our Neediness and His Gifts, Our Talents/Skills and Others Weaknesses

Read each passage pausing at the end to praise God for the variety of gifts and immensity of our need. Let your heart feel the glory of the task of the global work of God and our responsibility to labor and love to advance God's Kingdom with all our heart, our soul, our mind and our strength.

 Romans 12:3-6

 1 Cor 12:4-14

### 3. Sermon Reflection: Ephesians 4:7-16 4-10-22: The Body of Christ

#### THREE MEASURES

- What is the work God has given us and how are we sourced for it?
- How grateful are you for believers who have gifts you lack?
- How are you using your gifts to contribute?
- How are you benefitting from both your lack of skill and from your giftedness and serving?

#### OUR SELFISH DISPUTE

- What is a consistent reaction of immaturity when you do not trust Jesus?
  - What are you like to be around? How do you view yourself? How do you view others?
- *How have you distorted gifts, both yours and others, into measures of status or inadequacy?*
- How have we hijacked the purposes of so many relationships instead of enjoying what God has always had in mind in being single, in marriage, in parenting, in your friendships, in work relationships?

#### THE MEASURE OF JESUS

- In all of this, how does Jesus' work for our redemption reshape how you view all your relationships?
- Where do you need the hope of Jesus sourcing you vs. gutting it out?
- And if the victory has already been won, how do you need to adjust your sense of the finish line?

### 4. Kingdom Centered Prayer: YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD for His wisdom and generosity. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that He has freely given His Spirit to each believer, and spiritual gifts in particular according to His wisdom.
2. How have you lived as if God has neglected you, or as if your gifts make you superior to others? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you *and fill you with contentment at His good design.*
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His generosity to redeem people like us. Thank Him for bearing the full measure of wrath we deserve for our sin and filling up the full measure of righteousness in the Father's design.
4. Who do you know that lives as if they will never measure up? Pray for them, asking the Lord to show them mercy and open their eyes to the Grace of Jesus to remove their guilt and secure their hope.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His character of joyfully serving others as Jesus served us. Pray for His power and joy in the use of your gifts and talents to build up others, especially your fellow believers.

### 5. Mission: Christianity is **EVERY MEMBER MINISTRY!**

- Lists your gifts, passions, talents, and interests.
- Who are you serving? Who do you need to serve?
- Where or how are you gifted/positioned to serve those outside the church?
  - Work
  - School
  - Friendships
  - Family
- Where do you need to stop serving to let someone else? Where do you need start serving to give someone a break?