

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT CAPITOL CITY

# EPHESIANS

*The Mystery of Who We Are*

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## EPHESIANS: THE MYSTERY OF WHO WE ARE - WEEK 9

Community Group Study: Growing Up Together  
Ephesians 4:7-16 | week of October 2

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### GETTING STARTED

*In the last year, how have you seen God, by his grace, growing you toward maturity?*

**CONTEXT** In Ephesians 4:1-6, what characteristics of Christian maturity are emphasized?

**Read Ephesians 4:7-16**

**OBSERVATION** How does Paul make it clear that unity within the body of Christ does not mean uniformity?

What do we learn about the giver of spiritual gifts (4:7-10)?

What do we learn about the purpose of spiritual gifts (4:11-16)?

**MEANING** How does Paul develop the contrast between spiritual immaturity and spiritual maturity in verses 13-16? What are the indicators of spiritual immaturity? Of spiritual maturity?

According to this passage, why must spiritual growth be a “team sport” and not an “individual sport”?

How do “speaking the truth in love” and a robust understanding of the gospel go hand in hand?

## APPLICATION

Do you see your gifts as self-earned, and for your enjoyment or promotion, or as God-given, and for his people's service? Does the way you use your gifts prove the truth of your answer?

Do you, by personality, tend to speak the truth without love or love without truth? Is there a situation into which you need to speak truth, but lovingly?

How are you, or might you start, doing your part for your church?

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## NEXT STEPS ...

*Take some time to share - with a spouse, friend, or group member - how you would like to grow in the ways you use your spiritual gifts for the sake of the church. (This could even include thinking of ways to become more familiar with your spiritual gifts.)*

*Memorize or meditate upon Ephesians 4:15-16.*

*Commit to praying every day for opportunities to use your spiritual gifts and passions for the sake of the maturity and growth of the church.*

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