

Ephesians 4.1-16 *our new life as the church of God*

Pray

Read the passage together.

1. What does the apostle mean by "the calling you have received" (v1)?
2. What's the relationship between Chps 1-3 and Chps 4-6?
3. Encourage each person to share one highlight from our passage with the group.
4. What is the central command of the passage?
5. In vv11-13 the apostle describes almost a chain of events. As a group talk through this chain and put it in your own words.
6. From the talk, discuss the alternative models of church:- "McDonalds" versus "family working bee".

7. The work of ministry Christ calls each of us to, is to speak the truth in love. What does this mean?

8. As a group come up with as many examples as you can of what speaking the truth in love might look in our lives in this church.

9. How does the phrase "speaking the truth in love" broaden our understanding of works of ministry?

10. How does the phrase "speaking the truth in love" narrow our understanding of works of ministry?

Pray together about these things.