

Further Study – Jan 3, 2020

Read: Ephesians 4:1 – 5:2

If you heard the sermon this week, was there any part of the message or scripture passage that was particularly important or meaningful to you? If so, what?

Understanding Questions:

- At the very start of chapter 4, what are seven key things that Paul says define Christian unity?
- What are some of the different ministries of the early church that Paul names? (this list is not exhaustive). From where does the power to employ these ministries come?
- Describe what the life of the old way looks like. How does Paul say we are now called to live instead? What are some characteristics of this new life? Why does Paul say it is better to live in this way – whom does it benefit besides ourselves?
- How does Paul describe the emotion of anger? When we are angry, what does Paul say to do so that it does not overcome us?

Application Questions:

- What do you think is the primary vocation or calling of a Christian? Why?
- Why do you think unity in the church is important? On what key things does Paul say this unity should be built? Where do you see those things today?
- What do you think are your particular gifts for serving in the church? How would you define what an apostle or prophet is today? Where do we find apostles and prophets?