

Growth Group Discussion Questions

May 16, 2021

Maturity

Ephesians 4:7-16

- 1. What stood out to you from the sermon?
- 2. How does acknowledging our spiritual gifts as gifts given by God affect how we understand and use these gifts?
 - a. Is the use of our gifts for us or others? Why is this important?
 - b. Pastor Jason gave the example of a football team having 11 quarterbacks. How does defining "unity" as "we/us have the same purpose or goal, not we all do the same job" change how we go about living this week?
- 3. Read Ephesians 4:7 and 1 Peter 4:10. Each of us has a spiritual gift to perform a ministry that God has called us to, and the Holy Spirit wants to meet you-support you-in that ministry. Have you experienced this in your own life? How so?
 - a. When everyone is using their diverse spiritual gifts, how is the church strengthened?
- 4. Read Hebrews 5:11-14. As we read in today's passage and Hebrews, the metaphors, "growing into adults," illustrate our maturing in Christ.
 - a. How do the metaphors of growing into an adult help us think through how we should grow in spiritual maturity?
 - b. What practical steps can we take to help move ourselves and others from a childish faith to one of maturity?
 - c. How is involvement in the local church (using our spiritual gifts) critical to your spiritual maturity?