

# LIFEGROUP

## COMMUNITY OF FAITH: COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH

*These questions are to encourage discussion and sharing. Feel free to read in advance through the whole chapter of Ephesians 4, praying and seeing where the Holy Spirit highlights which key verses to be discussed in your group. You are free to be selective which questions to ask.*

### **Read Ephesians 4:2-6**

*A COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH WHEN UNITY IS OUR COMMON GOAL*

1. How do these passages address unity within church? Why is this necessary?
2. Why did Paul list those things in v2? Which one do you find most challenging? Why?
3. What does true unity look like? And how can we be more active in spurring each other on to achieve unity?

### **READ EPHESIANS 4:11-13**

*A COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH WHEN COMPANIONS BUILD YOU UP*

4. What are some of the roles listed in these verses? Are these the only roles within the church? Why did God give us these roles for the church?
5. What roles and gifts do you have to help your fellow companions at church?
6. Feel free to do a spiritual gifts test, and spend some time discussing it.

### **READ EPHESIANS 4:14-16**

*A COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH WHEN YOU MATURE AND DRAW NEAR IN COMPLETION TO CHRIST*

7. What does it look like to be an infant? Would you consider yourself mature? Why? Why not?
8. Share with your life group how other brothers/sisters can better build you up, practically, to maturity and nearer in completion to Christ.

### **READ EPHESIANS 4:17-24**

*A COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH WHEN YOU RECOMMIT BACK TO CHRIST*

9. What does this passage tell us about recommitting back to Christ? Why?
10. Who in your community has helped you in times of recommitment? What can we glean from those individuals to help us help others in our community?
11. How can we, in our community strengthen each other in faith when other brothers and sisters recommit back to God? What is the purpose of this?

### **READ EPHESIANS 4:25-29**

*A COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH WHEN YOU COMMUNICATE IN LOVE*

12. Summarise this passage in your own words.
13. Why should we do this?
14. Share with the group a time where you experienced miscommunication and how you resolved that incident.
15. How can we practically help each other be better communicators?

### **READ EPHESIANS 4:30-32**

*A COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH WHEN YOU FOLLOW GOD'S TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS: LOVE GOD AND LOVE OTHERS*

16. What does v30 mean?
17. Of the things listed in v31-32, which do you find most challenging to you personally? Why?
18. Share with the group who God is teaching you to forgive? Or a testimony of a time when you worked through forgiveness for someone.

# LIFEGROUP

COMMUNITY OF FAITH: COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS FAITH

## **MOVING FORWARD IN PRAYER**

20. How can we as a community better lift you up and support you in prayer?

End today's session praying in pairs for each other. Praying and concluding after the things learnt and shared in today's discussion, and committing to pray for each other and encouraging one another to draw closer to Christ.