



*Today's Topic: Learning Encouragement
Ephesians 4:1-13
Sunday, September 19, 2021*

1. Every _____ to _____

“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life _____ of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:1-3

One...

Body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, God and Father of all, over all, through all, in all. See Ephesians, 4:4-6

2. Every _____ to _____

“But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: ‘When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.’” Ephesians 4:7-8, see Psalm 68:18

3. Every _____ of _____

Christ has given us gifted people ...

*“to equip”, “works of service”, “may be built up”, “reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God,” “mature,” “the whole measure of the fullness of Christ”
See Ephesians 4:11-13*

The Point:

Next Steps: Who can we lift up this week?

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a time when someone has encouraged you. What effect did that encouragement have upon you?
2. Read Ephesians 4:1-6. Why does Paul emphasize everything that we who follow Christ share in common?
3. Read Ephesians 4:7-9 and Psalm 68:18. In the Psalm, the King receives gifts, but Paul interprets the passage to mean that the King gives gifts. What do these two sides of this truth tell us about the King that we serve?
4. Read Ephesians 4:10-13. Paul starts by mentioning the leadership gifts that put things in motion. How do all of us continue the work that this leadership initiates?
5. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?