

The Book of Ephesians Bible Study Lesson 13

Ephesians 4:11-16 Questions

Building the Body of Christ, the Church

Pray for the Lord to guide you through this study time.

1. Before we begin looking at the text, I believe it is important to ask ourselves specifically why you attend a church fellowship? What motivates your actions for attending the activities in a church body? Try to dig deep and be honest.

2. From the very beginning of time what has God always desired from His Creation? And Who is the One, the Source, for what God desires? Read the following scriptures for help. 1 Samuel 15:22-23; Psalm 51:16-17; Isaiah 43:22-25; Jeremiah 7:22-23; Amos 5:22-24; Matthew 9:12-13; Hebrews 10:5-7, 19-23, 12:28-29

3. Can you think of times when you were going through the motions of being faithful to serve and worship God but your heart wasn't in it? Or your days are not filled up with Christ and all He is accomplishing for you? Is there anything in the above Scriptures that speaks the truth that can change our attitudes and motivations?

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4. From Ephesians 4:12-13 what is the primary purposes of the Church? As you write down these six actions of God's pattern for building Christ's Church you will notice a progression in their effects and work.

- a. _____

- b. _____

- c. _____

- d. _____

- e. _____

- f. _____

5. Next circle or highlight the main point for each of the six actions.

6. From Ephesians 4:11 who equips the Saints in the Body of Christ? Who appointed these people to lead (Ephesians 4:7-8)?

7. Who is appointed to serve in the Body of Christ? Which ones? Ephesians 4:7-8, 12-13

8. The Church, the Body of Christ, is described in Scripture like the human body functioning all in unity. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and Romans 12:3-13 and write down specific things we can do to promote unity. Why does the Church function like the human body? What is the key to the Church fitting together (Ephesians 4:15-16)?

9. In Ephesians 4:15 Paul writes, “speaking the truth in love”. What ‘truth’ do you think Paul means here? Give an example of this ‘truth’ that you could share with another brother or sister in Christ. Use Ephesians 4:14, 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 and Hebrews 10:19-25 for direction to your answer.

10. What is it that actually causes the Church to grow. Is it church programs, is it outreach, is it more dynamic sermons, is it teaching what the people like to hear, or is it getting more people to attend? Ephesians 4:16

11. It is our Savior Jesus Christ who holds all things together. From the following Scriptures write down what He holds together and what He has dominion over? John 1:1, 1:16, 8:58; Ephesians 1:19-23; Colossians 1:13-20, 3:11; Revelation 1:5-8, 17:14, Revelation chapter 5

12. Going back to the first three questions from page one, Who is it that is able to make us worthy of worship, serving, and ministering to the Saints and Christ’s Church? What will you choose to do or think that can change your affections for Christ over everything else? (The Church is Christ’s Bride, He is the Bridegroom) John 3:27-29; Ephesians 1:17-20; Hebrews 12:1-3; Revelation 19:7-9, 21:2-3, 9, 22:17
