Ephesians - Unity & Maturity September 29, 2024

As you engage in this discussion, follow the Spirit's leading and share your thoughts as you reflect on the message. Work through the discussion guide by reading Scripture and reflecting on a couple of questions and points from the message.

Opening Questions.

- How would you describe a person mature in their faith?
- Do you feel mature in your faith?

Read the following scriptures together. Ephesians 3:16-19

I pray that out of his glorious riches <u>he may strengthen you with power through his</u> <u>Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts</u> through faith. And I pray that you, being <u>rooted and established in love</u>, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to <u>grasp how wide and long and high and deep is</u> <u>the love of Christ</u>, and to know this <u>love that surpasses knowledge</u>—that you may <u>be</u> <u>filled to the measure of all the fullness of God</u>

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates <u>his own love for us</u> in this: While we were still sinners, <u>Christ</u> <u>died for us</u>.

Ephesians 4:1-3

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to <u>live a life worthy of the calling you</u> <u>have received</u>. Be completely <u>humble</u> and <u>gentle</u>; be <u>patient</u>, <u>bearing with one</u> <u>another in love</u>. Make every effort <u>to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond</u> <u>of peace</u>.

A FEW QUESTIONS TO PONDER DURING YOUR DISCUSSION:

- What do you learn about yourself in these scriptures?
- What do you learn about God in these scriptures?
- How would you describe this message? What is the main point?

Scott pointed out that we experience God's love by God's presence & God's people. People.

- How have you experienced God 's love by His presence?
- How have you experienced God's love by His people?

TAKE SOME TIME TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER AND WITH EACH OTHER.

Who is the person or persons that allow you to open up, be messy and vulnerable, and know you will be embraced? Give God thanks and praise for this person or persons.

"Bob Goff says you can tell how your faith is going by how well you love the people that creep you out."

Who do you need to show love to? Pray for God to show you and give you the courage to act.