

Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Use your Gifts Faithfully

Reading: 1 Peter 4:10 / Ephesians 4:1-16

Date: 12th May 2024 (AM)

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)

As you begin...

- Have you had any encouragements or challenges over the last week from God's Word?
- Any answers to prayer?
- Any opportunities to talk to someone about the Lord?
- Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and pray for one another.

Read Ephesians 4:1-16. Do adapt the following questions for your group.

1. From unity.... (verses 1-6)

Consider all the items Paul lists that are 'one' in verses 4-6. Can you think of one consequence of each that should hold us all together? (For example, if we all have the one baptism we are all joined together as members of the one community).

2. To unity... (verses 12-16)

What is the goal of unity that still lies before us? What should All Saints look like as we head in that direction?

3. 'But to each...' (verses 7-12)

The ascended Lord Jesus Christ has given gifts to every Christian believer (verse 7). What are the roles and responsibilities of (a) the church leaders and (b) the whole church family, according to verses 11-12?

Stage of life and health may limit our ability to serve one another as we might like to. But we can all pray! Some specific needs to pray about or consider:

- For more regular members for the All Saints Kids team on Sunday mornings, or Noah's Ark midweek
- For women to join the older youth team (Friday nights) – currently there are none
- For more visitors for our care homes
- For support with World Mission (e.g. as part of the World Mission Group or liaising with a mission partner)
- New leaders for Connect Groups
- Hospitality