

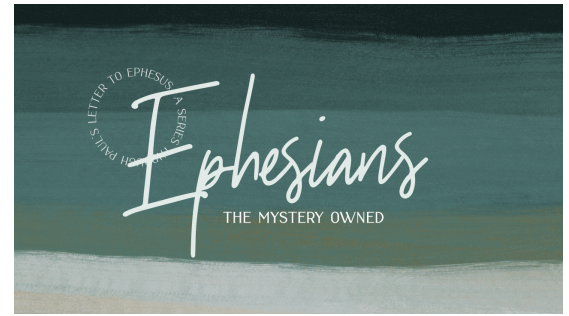
Northland Christian Church

Group Discussion Guide

Series: Ephesians – The Mystery Owned

Text: Ephesians 4:1-6

Date: January 3, 2021



How to Use This Guide

• *Use the questions in each section below as a springboard for discussion. Do not feel like you have to follow the study guide religiously or hit every question. These questions are designed to help spark discussion. Refer to them as needed.*

Connection

(give each person an opportunity to answer at least one of the following)

- *What captivates or grabs your attention in creation?*
- *When was the last time that you were captivated by something? I mean really inspired, or shocked, or invigorated by something or someone?*
- *What about God inspires you?*

Big Idea: Aim your life at the target God set out for you.

Engage the Scriptures

Read Ephesians 4:1-6 with the group.

Discussion Questions

We should pursue living a life worthy of the calling of Jesus on our lives.

- *What could living a life worthy of the calling you have received look like in your life this January?*
- *How you can use your talents for Jesus?*
- *How you can encourage others for Jesus?*
- *How you can leverage your gifts, passions, and story for Jesus?*
- *What's a practical next step of faith that you can take this week for Jesus? Who can help and encourage you?*

Read Ephesians 4:2

This passage lays out Four attitude adjustments Paul, and therefore God, implores us to pursue.

1. Being Humble
2. Being Gentle

3. Being Patient

4. Expressing Unconditional Love

- What does being humble mean? What could that look like in the context of church? Family? Work?
- What about being gentle? Patient?
- When and how have you experienced unconditional love?
- How have you seen unconditional love change a life?

Pastor Dave shared that “Healthy people produce healthy churches and healthy churches produce healthy people.”

- How can these 4 attitude adjustments help create healthy people? How could this help create a healthy church?
- How does Ephesians 4:3 affect this? How about Ephesians 4:4?

If time Discuss

“God never wondered if you had everything you needed to be fully you.” Bob Goff.

- What comes to mind when you think about this quote?
- How can this thought help inform your thinking when it comes to being actively involved in the ongoing mission of Jesus?

Apply It - Time in Prayer

Take a couple of minutes to silently pray, asking God to reveal/show you how He wants to live out today's truths.

Take some time to allow for silent prayer, and then ***close by praying with and for one another.***