

Ephesians 4:7-16

Sermon headings

The purpose of leadership

The leaders we need

Read verses 7 to 10

1. According to verse 8, what has the ascended Christ given to his people?
2. According to verse 7, which of us has received these gifts?
3. Glancing forward to verses 12 and 16, what are these gifts to be used for?
4. How does this underline the dignity and worth of every single member of the church?
5. How do you feel about this?

Read verses 11 to 13

6. What do the people in verse 11 all have in common?
7. What is the purpose of their ministry, in verse 12?

8. What is the goal, in verse 13?
9. How do you think the word of God equips us for works of service?
10. In the light of this...
 - ➡ How necessary do you think it is to have people serving in Bible-teaching roles at Emmanuel?
 - ➡ How can we pray for those in Bible-teaching roles at Emmanuel (whether as leaders or helpers)?

Read verses 14 to 16

11. What does a mature church look like according to these verses?
 - ➡ How do they emphasise the role we all have to play?
12. How can we pray for each other in our church family in the light of these verses?

Take time to share prayer requests and to pray about the things you've discussed.