

Jesus' Victorious Gifts

Ephesians 4:7-11

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. What did the Holy Spirit teach you through this week's passage and message?
2. Compare Ephesians 4:4-6 (UNITY in God's family) with Ephesians 4:7 (DIVERSITY in God's family). Discuss the reality of BOTH unity and diversity within God's family.
3. Read Philippians 4:2-3. What insight do these verses give us to understand the tension of unity (not uniformity) within God's family? Why is uniformity easier than unity? How does uniformity fall short of God's plan? And what does it take to maintain unity in God's family (Note: Remember Ephesians 4:1-3).
4. Psalm 68 highlights God's victory over his enemies. In Ephesians 4:8, Paul quotes Psalm 68:18 to show Jesus' victory in creating people new in him. What are the similarities between the two passages? What are the differences? What does this tell you about salvation in Jesus? How does it speak to the VALUE God places in you? What response does God's loving activity elicit from you?

5. Read Ephesians 9–10 and John 3:13. How do these verses support Jesus' victory (cf. the previous verse) and his right to distribute gifts to his people? How do they connect with God's greater plan (cf. Ephesians 1:10)?

6. Finally, read Ephesians 2:10 along with Ephesians 4:7 & 11. How do these verses relate to what God is doing in saving people in Jesus? How might you join God in participating in his activity & plan in your everyday life?

Please Note: These questions are intended to serve as a platform for God's never-changing truths to come to bear on the current, real-time situations of our lives. The goal is *not* to answer each question. The goal is to follow Jesus with one another in the everyday stuff of life—as together we grow in Jesus, our love for one another, and his calling in our lives.