

## Ephesians 4:1-16 Bible Study Questions

1) In just a few words, what was the main point of Chapter 1? 2? 3? Or, which one verse from each chapter would you say best represents the content of that chapter?

*Read Ephesians 4:1-3*

2) Think of an example of when you saw someone you know, or in a movie, display

- Humility
- Gentleness
- Patience

3) Those characteristics are important for Christians as we strive for unity, which is the theme of the first half of chapter 4. With a partner, take 60 seconds list all of the characteristics or beliefs that divide Christians and groups of Christians.

4) With a partner, take 60 seconds list all of the beliefs or characteristics that (nearly) all Christians have in common.

*Read verses 4-6*

5) Considering verses 3-6, should there only be one campus ministry? Why or why not? On the Rice campus, how do we take verse 3 seriously?

*Read verses 7-12*

6) In verses 8-10, Paul uses an Old Testament quotation to state his point that Christ, in his victory over death, has given gifts to people in the church for the purpose of "equipping the saints for the work of ministry." Who are the "saints" in verse 12? What is the work of ministry? What are various ways people can do this work of ministry?

*Read verses 13-16*

7) Verses 12 and 16 state that the reason God gives us spiritual gifts is so we can contribute to the growth of the body of Christ. What are some ways you have seen people use their different gifts to grow the body (of a church or of a ministry) and equip Christians for ministry?

8) How can a person discover what their spiritual gifts are?