

SCC SMALL GROUPS
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IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING
Ephesians 4:1-16

Getting Started:

1. What is the closest group you have ever been a part of?

- What made this group so close?

Searching the Scriptures:

1. Reading between the lines, what problems do you think Paul was concerned about in Ephesus?

2. What qualities ought to characterize "***a life worthy of the calling***" (v.1).

- What results when believers live out these qualities?
- How does each quality promote unity?
- How does viewing God a Father (not just as Creator and Judge) add to our unity?

3. Since the church is to live in unity as the body of Christ, what is the purpose (definitions) (vs. 12-13) of the various gifts in verses 8-11?

4. What are the differences between the unity that already exists (vs. 3-6) and which has yet to be (vs. 13-16)?

5. What is the climatic point of this whole passage?

- How will this happen?

Application of the Scriptures:

1. Of the five qualities listed in v. 2 which one do you feel most needs to be developed in your life?

- What relationship do you need to apply it to the most?

2. As opposed to love without truth, or truth without love, what does it mean to "***speak the truth in love***" in the church?

3. How could your study group help you discover, develop and use your spiritual gift in building up the body of Christ?

4. From this passage, what is the problem with trying to live the Christian life apart from the church?

- In what way do you need others?

- What strength can you give others?