

## Life Group Study Notes

November 3, 2024

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

Invitational Space

Ephesians 4:11-14



How do we create a space that invites others to join, one that is not only welcoming but meaningful?

### Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What was one key takeaway for you from last week's study? (Hint: It was on serving others).
2. What is the most meaningful part of a church service for you? Why?
3. How difficult is it for you to invite someone to church? Do you feel there are circumstances outside your control that limit your ability to comfortably extend an invitation?

Read Ephesians 4:11-16. (Message only dealt with vss. 11-14)

4. Is there a common thread to the list of gifts presented in verse 11?
5. Based on this passage, complete the 3 points presented and expand and discuss each.

Works of service have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in

Christ as their goals.

Follow-up question: What phrase in this statement was presented as the key phrase? Why is it important as the central focus?

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6. How does verse 15 and Paul's noted admonition of "speak the truth in love" follow naturally from verses 11-14? What is the important message we need to all heed?
7. Verse 16 summarizes beautifully the scope of Paul's instructions found in 11-15. What keywords from this verse stand out?
8. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss?

### Homework

What hurts your walk with Christ more, the internal conflicts in a church, or the external cultural onslaughts?

## Coming Next Week

Generous Space

Psalm 112

Making space for generosity not only helps others but grows our capacity for compassion and selflessness. It fuels gratitude, kindness, abundance, and personal transformation.

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### Making Space, A 10-Part Series

Life certainly has a way of becoming overwhelming, making it difficult to find time for reflection, meditation, and spiritual connection with God. In this series, we will explore the incredible transformative power of creating spiritual space in our lives.

If you are interested in joining a Life Group contact the church at [office@villagegreenchurch.com](mailto:office@villagegreenchurch.com).