

Ephesians

Study 1: God's will for the church



Why is Paul writing this?

What is Paul's focus here? Read the whole chapter for context.

How do verses 11-13 relate back to what he says in verses 1-3?

What do we know about the roles listed in verse 11?

What do they involve?

Are they all for today, or were some given only for a time?

Is there any link between these gifts (bearing in mind it's not a comprehensive list)?

How do these differ from the gifts spoken of in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and Romans 12:6-8?

What similarities do you notice between Ephesians 4:11-13 and 1 Peter 4:10?

Why might Paul be addressing the importance of unity in the church (think about his audience)?

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How does this apply to or influence us today?

What is our attitude to spiritual gifts?

How important do we think they are?

What are some of the reasons people think they are not 'gifted'?

Do we think of gifts as special abilities that few other people have?

Do we downplay those gifts that seem mundane?

In what practical ways do we 'build up' the church?

What are some of the causes of disunity in the church?

What does maturity look like?

Think of someone you consider to be particularly spiritually mature