

Questions for Home Groups: Ephesians 4: 7-16 / Romans 12: 9-16

Please don't feel you have to tackle all these questions. They are a flexible resource for you to use as you see fit. Do try and make time to pray for some of the issues that have surfaced, either for individuals or for the church.

- What strikes you most about Ephesians 4: 7-16?
- How do you understand the 5 offices mentioned and what they do (*apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers?*)
- Which ones tend to be represented in churches and why?
- What do you make of the idea that we might not be fulfilling the purpose for which we were built or designed (like unused, forgotten stuff in the attic)?
- What is this passage saying about maturity in the faith?
- How does our church match up to being an Ephesians 4 type of church?
- Verse 9 – What's it like to be in a church context where love doesn't feel genuine? Can you describe it from your experience?
- How do we keep our spiritual fervour (verse 11)?
- On a scale of 1-10 (where 10 is the highest), how aglow in the spirit would you say you are right now?
- Verse 14 – What is our first instinct when we are hurt by others? What might it mean to pray blessing on those who've wounded us?
- Who are the lowly and what might it mean to be willing to associate with them?
- How well do you think our church community is experienced as a living community by those we live amongst?
- Which of the qualities of a living community in Paul's sense would you love to see displayed more in our church?

