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United - Ephesians 4:7-11 Diversity

SUMMARY: In this sermon on Ephesians 4:7-11, we explored the theme of unity and diversity within the body of Christ. While the church is one body, we are not all the same part—God has given each believer unique gifts to serve and build up the church. We discussed the importance of embracing the gifts God has given us, rather than wishing for different ones or doubting we have any at all. The passage also points to Jesus as our victorious King, who has defeated the powers of darkness and now distributes gifts to His people. We looked at the specific roles mentioned in Ephesians—apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers—unpacking what each means and how they function in the church today. The call is to discover, develop, and use our gifts, not by waiting for perfection, but by stepping out, trying, and learning as we go.

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:7-11; 1 Peter 3:18-20; 1 John 5:19; Psalm 22; Acts 2:17; 1 Peter 3:15, 5:2-4

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. The sermon said, “The worst place to be is out of place.” Have you ever tried to serve in a role that didn’t fit your gifts? What did you learn from that experience, and how can you take steps to discover your true place in the body?
2. Are there gifts or roles in the church you wish you had, or ones you doubt you have? How can you move from comparison or doubt to embracing the gifts God has given you?
3. The pastor encouraged us to “try, fail, and try again” as we discover our gifts. What is one area in church life you could step out and try this month, even if you’re not sure you’ll succeed?
4. The sermon described prophecy as “God’s message proclaimed in the power of the Spirit that presses deep into the hearts of people.” Have you ever received or shared a word that felt like it was from God? How did it impact you or others?



5. Evangelism was described as “delivering the mail,” not convincing people. Who is one person in your life you could pray for and look for an opportunity to simply share the good news with, trusting God with the outcome?

6. The pastor said true shepherds “love being with the people they lead.” Whether or not you have a leadership title, who are the people God has put in your life to care for, encourage, or guide? What is one practical way you can shepherd someone this week?

7. Jesus is our victorious King, but we still face spiritual battles. What is one area where you feel the “roar” of the enemy in your life? How can you stand behind Jesus and trust in His victory as you face that struggle?