

Sermon Questions: Gifts, Part 1

Date: June 6, 2021 | Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-7

- 1. Read Ephesians 4:1-7. Paul repeats the word "one" multiple times. What does he describe as "one"? What is surprising about that?
- 2. What are characteristics of a consumerist culture? How does that differ from the vision of the church in verses 2 and 3?
- 3. Four marks of the church are listed in verses 2 and 3: Humility, gentleness, patience, and long-suffering. Which of these is most challenging to you? Which feels easiest or most natural?
- 4. In what ways have you seen your own or other people's gifts used well in service of the church (whether within the Capital Pres Family or elsewhere)?
- 5. As a Community Group, what are some ways you can encourage one another to commit to the body in the church?

## Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.

- 1. What ways are you tempted to be just a "consumer" at church? What would it look like to change your mindset in those areas?
- 2. Pray for one another and the church at large, focusing on the characteristics of unity, humility, gentleness, patience, and long-suffering.

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- <u>Ephesians 4:1-16</u>
- <u>Romans 12</u>
- 1 Corinthians 12
- Isaiah 55
- Psalm 98
- 1 Corinthians 13

*Listen* to the Ephesians worship playlist on Spotify.

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- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

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