



CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 4 | On Mission
Ephesians 4:11-16

Introduction

Brookside has always existed to fulfill the mission Jesus gave to us - to help others find and follow Him. We love that we get to join Jesus and to be a part of this in Omaha and around the world! When we consider this high calling and the opportunities being a part of our church lends to us, we say: "I LOVE MY CHURCH!" In this 4 part series we'll look at our mission as a church and the 3 things that drive all we do.

Before you get into these questions, read Ephesians 4:11-16 as a group.

Questions for Study

1. Think of any examples where someone made sacrifices to be part of something bigger than themselves. (These examples could be from your own life or the life of someone you know, a story you've heard, a movie you've seen, etc.) Describe the situation. Why are people often drawn to serve a mission bigger than themselves?
2. Different roadblocks can keep people from contributing to a mission larger than themselves. Some of these roadblocks may include (1) a desire for comfort, (2) thinking we don't have anything of value to offer, or (3) fear about trying something big. Can you think of any other roadblocks that might keep people from getting involved in a mission larger than themselves? List any more that come to mind.
3. Can you relate in a special way to any of these roadblocks? What have you done to overcome them in the past? Or, what would it take for you to overcome them now?
4. What does it mean to be "on mission" for God? (Need a hint? Check out Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8.)
5. Look closely at Ephesians 4:11-12. Using language straight from the passage, for what purpose do certain church leaders (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) serve the church?
6. From Ephesians 4:11-16, what happens in the church "as each part does its work" (v. 16)?
7. How do these last two questions reinforce the importance of everyone at church being "on mission" and playing an important role in the larger body of Christ? (Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-30 for more on this.)
8. Let's get practical. What specifically does it look like for you to be "on mission" for God? What ways have you been contributing? If you're not currently contributing, what steps can you take in this direction?
9. What joys have you experienced from being "on mission" for God? Why is it worth it?