

YOU HAVE A STORY TO BENEFIT OTHERS

Marketplace Missions

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GOD'S STORY

Learning to take our unique gifts and stories to our circles - Ephesians 4

REFLECTING ON PAST LESSONS:

1. **YOU ARE CALLED** - God has given us all an invitation to be part of His kingdom ministry.
2. **WALK OUT YOUR CALLING** - Look for opportunities to put your calling into practice and share your story. We all have a story of His grace in our lives. (Eph. 4:2-3; 15, 22)
3. **REMEMBER THE ATTRIBUTES OF YOUR CALLING**
 - ***Be completely HUMBLE** - the act of seeing others are more important than ourselves
 - ***Be GENTLE**:- calm, soothing, kindly
 - * **Be PATIENT** - bear with one another in love is greater than simple tolerance. Love vests you in the relationship.
 - ***KEEP UNITY** of the Spirit through the bond of peace - unity is about being able to work through differences (in peace) and creating greater unity in our commonalities
 - ***Speak the TRUTH in LOVE** - "put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor," - the key word is 'love.' This means that we speak the truth to one another, but not in such a way as to hurt one another
 - ***Have a NEW ATTITUDE** - What is this new attitude? Greater joy, hope, expectation, restoration, forgiveness, etc
 - ***In ANGER DON'T SIN** - Anger will happen, it's how we handle anger that helps us stand out.
 - ***Watch your WORDS** - "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs,"" - we need to speak health and blessing to one another (James 3:9-11)

YOUR STORY

God unites together people in a body whose stories can benefit one another - I Corinthians 12:12-27

Points to Ponder:

1. **WE ARE A BODY with MANY PARTS** -
"But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be." So, we are each where we're supposed to be, meaning that God unites together people whose stories can benefit one another.

DISCUSSION:

1. What has shaped you? What have you learned from your experiences?
2. How does God use our experiences to form out stories? Why?
3. What has God shown about himself in your life?
4. How has the Holy Spirit worked in your life?
5. Have you ever shared your story with your circles? Why or why not?

ENCOURAGE YOUR GROUP ABOUT OUR SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING.
"Bring What You Have"

We are joining together as a church body on Easter to bring our best offering as a seed for the future of Believers Church. Based on the story of the loaves and fish.