



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 7/10/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 7/24/2022
TEXT: EPHESIANS 4:1-3

THE ATTRIBUTES OF A WORTHY CHURCH

- I. FAITHFUL LIVING IN THE CHURCH MAY BE COSTLY. (vs. 1)
- II. FAITHFUL LIVING IN THE CHURCH REQUIRES A WORTHY WALK. (vs. 1)
- III. FAITHFUL LIVING IN THE CHURCH REQUIRES AN UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S CALLING ON YOUR LIFE. (vs. 1)
- IV. FAITHFUL LIVING IN THE CHURCH REQUIRES GODLY ATTRIBUTES. (vs. 2)
 - A. Lowliness
 - B. Gentleness
 - C. Longsuffering
- V. FAITHFUL LIVING IN THE CHURCH INVOLVES BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER. (vs. 2)
- VI. FAITHFUL LIVING IN THE CHURCH INVOLVES PROMOTING, PRESERVING, AND PROTECTING THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH. (vs. 3)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. Having celebrated our church's 50th anniversary, what testimony might you be willing to share with your group as to how God has used His church in your life?

2. When writing a letter to a church, it is typical for Paul to use the first part of his letter to instruct in doctrine and then the second part of the letter for application. Why do you think that is? Why is doctrine so important? What will happen to a church and its people if it does not teach and preach doctrine?

3. **Read Ephesians 4:1-3.** In verse 1, Paul identifies himself as a prisoner of the Lord and then admonishes the church to "*walk worthy of the calling with which you were called.*" Since Paul had already identified himself as a prisoner in chapter 3:1, why do you suppose he repeated it in chapter 4?

4. **Read I Corinthians 6:20, I Peter 2:21-24, and I Peter 4:1-3.** Why ought the Christian live for God's glory regardless of any personal cost?

5. **Read Ephesians 1:3-14 and 2:1-10** and look for the many doctrinally motivated reasons to walk worthy of the Lord.

6. **Read Ephesians 4:1, II Thessalonians 1:11-12, & II Timothy 1:9.** What does Paul mean by "the calling with which we were called? What did he call us to and to do?

7. **Read Ephesians 4:2-3.** What attributes are needed and necessary for the church to have unity? Define each one and be prepared to share with the group how those attributes may be lived out in the church. Also, give specific examples of how the church can bear with one another in love.