

## **Ephesians 4:7-16** For the week of January 21, 2024

## Reading the Text:

- 1. What was the big idea of Ephesians 4:1-6 from last week?
- 2. Each of us has been given grace that is to be used to build up the church. What do these gifts of grace look like, and where do they come from?
- 3. Verse 9 tells us that Jesus "*descended*". From where, and to where did Jesus descend? Why does Paul include this idea, and how does it impact the rest of the passage?
- 4. This passage explains that some gifts are responsible for equipping other members of the body. What does Paul say these gifts are intended to produce? (vv. 11-14)
- 5. How would you restate the big idea of the Ephesians 4:7-16 in your own words?

## Living It Out:

- 1. Each of us has a sphere of people we influence in some capacity. How does this passage affect your understanding of the role we play among those we influence?
- 2. Each of us has gifts that have been given by to us by God. What are some ways you can assess some of your gifts from God? What are some risks if we don't practice these gifts?
- 3. Does it ever seem difficult to acknowledge or talk about your gifts? Why or why not? How can this group encourage you to practice these gifts accordingly?

