

Sermon – Discipleship Challenges for Kingdom Builders #2
Living and Learning in Community – Ephesians 4:7-16

This is the second in a six part series, which focuses on the different discipleship challenges that Christians face in their lives. This bible study draws from Nick Hudson's sermon on 27/1/2008 and is a series of readings and questions. The questions have some suggested discussion prompts (listed by a series of bullet points) to help the conversation to flow.

If you are using these questions for a weekly session please use all of the questions. For a fortnightly session please only use the questions in highlighted in italics.

Read Ephesians Ch 4 v 1-16

Verse 3 talks about unity of the spirit, what do you think this means?

Suggested answers:

- *Being peacemakers*

What is the challenge in verses 12 -13?

Suggested answers:

- *Prepare God's people for works of service*
- *Build the body of Christ*
- *Unity in faith*

Think about the ways in which you need build your Christian faith, what about ways we can help to build the body of Christ. Share them with the group.

Do you ever feel like the infants described in verse 14? Can you give some examples to the group.

What does Paul say verses 15 -16 we should do?

Read Hebrews Ch 10 v 19 – 39

What is the faith which is talked about in v22 and why is this important?

Suggested answers:

- Faith that we have been saved from our sins
- Jesus is the foundation of our faith.

What is the commission in verses 24- 25

Suggested answers:

- *To spur one another on*
- *Meet together*
- *Encourage each other*

Consider how you could do this as a homegroup, think about ways you could support each other in your faith.

Suggestions:

- *Pray for each other*
- *Get to know one another*
- *Keep a prayer diary to see answers to prayer*

Think about Accountability groups – consider the people who you could share issues with, make a promise that you will form a group and start the ball rolling.

Read Colossians Ch 3 v 1-17

What are the challenges of these verses?

Think about them in the week ahead.