

Sermon Overview CEFC

March 5th, 2023

Title: God's Expectations for Each of Us

Passage: Ephesians 4:7-16

Introduction

Question: What PART does EACH OF US have to PLAY in GOD'S put it back together PLAN

Main Point: God has given EACH OF US a GIFT that He EXPECTS us to INVEST in ALL OF US

Meeting God's Expectations for Each of Us

CHRIST has given EACH OF US a SERVING GIFT that MATCHES us PERFECTLY

CHRIST has called SOME OF US to be EQUIPPING GIFTS for ALL OF US

CHRIST wants to use EACH OF US to GROW His BODY

CONCLUSION

What is your EACH OF US GIFT?

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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- 1 Why do you think it is so difficult for us to believe that a single life can have much of an impact on the big picture of things? What type of people do we often assume that "big impact" lives are reserved for? Is that the Biblical pattern?
- 2 Each of us is born with natural talents and abilities. We can also learn skills. Spiritual gifts are given to us by the Holy Spirit when we come to Christ. What are some ways each of us might discover our Spiritual gifts?
- 3 In addition to the Spiritual gifts that each of us have been given, some of us have been fitted by God to be equippers for the church. Why do you think Paul views these folks as "gifts" to the church?
- 4 Paul listed four of these equipper gifts: apostles (developers), prophets (forth-tellers), evangelists (gospel facilitators), and pastor / teachers (shepherds and mediators of the Word). Think of examples from your own experience of each and what their ministry looked like as well as their impact on you. How would we know if God has selected us for one of these leading / equipping roles?
- 5 The ultimate goal for each of us functioning properly (investing our gifts) in the church is for all of us to grow to be more and more like Jesus and to be unified in the faith. What might get in the way of that? How does Satan try to create disunity around the gifts?
- 6 What are some things that should motivate us to discover and use the "just right" gifting God has given to each of us? Take a look at the Spiritual gifts described in Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, and 1 Corinthians 12:28. Talk about what you are and how you are using them. Also share what you have observed as gifts in other in the group.