

STUDY GUIDE



The Essential Gospel 03.14.21

[set up]

What are you thankful for this week?

What are you struggling with this week?

What is something God has taught you, convicted you of, or impressed upon you this last week from the weekend message, Bible Reading Plan, or your personal devotional time?

[digging deeper]

Have one person read Ephesians 4:7-16.

What stood out to you from this passage?

What questions does this passage raise for you?

What does this passage teach us about God?

What does this passage teach us about ourselves?

What does this passage teach about our obedience, about how we are to live?

This past Sunday, Pastor Chad reminded us that God has given us spiritual gifts to be used to build up the body of Christ. *Note: Lists of some of the spiritual gifts can be found in the following passages: 1 Peter 4:10-11, Romans 12:6-8, and 1 Corinthians 12:4-11.*

Pastor Chad asked us, “Have you identified your spiritual gifting?” Share your answer to this question with your LifeGroup. If you’re not sure what your spiritual gifts might be, we encourage you to take this assessment:

<https://spiritualgiftstest.com/spiritual-gifts-test-landing/>

Pastor Chad also asked us, “Are you using your gift for ministry?” There are plenty of ways to serve at CVC! For Easter weekend, we need many more volunteers in CVC Kids and Guest Services. To find out more, text “Serve” to 440.276.5575. We would love to help get you connected to serving opportunities that will allow you to use the gifts God has given you.

Pastor Chad also pointed out four indicators that we are growing and maturing in the faith.

1. Unity
2. Knowledge of Christ
3. Stability in the faith
4. Speaking the Truth in love (Note: He’s talking about sharing the Gospel!)

Which one of these is an area where you have seen growth in your life? Which one of these is still a struggle for you?

(over)

[living it out]

In light of what we now know about this passage, what is God calling you to do this week?

How does God want you to obey this Scripture? (Everyone writes an "I will" statement.)

Write down the "I will" statements on a Post-it. Remind everyone that you will bring this Post-it back to the next LifeGroup for everyone to repost how they did living it out.

Who do you know who needs to hear this? Who will you share these truths with this week?

[close in prayer]

Get in smaller groups and ask each other, "In this upcoming week, what is going to be a challenge for you?"

Pray for each other about the upcoming week and the challenges you're anticipating.