

Study Notes based on Sunday 4 February 2018

Building up the body of Christ

Ephesians 4:1-16

1. What does the expression 'body of Christ' suggest to you?
2. What do you think 'body of Christ' means in the context of this passage?
3. What does v7 imply about our role within the body of Christ? Read also 1 Corinthians 12:4-7,11-12.
4. What is our responsibility as members of the body see Ephesians 4:2-3.
5. How do you react to the idea that leadership is God's gift to His people?
6. Share your experiences of exposure to fivefold ministry, in particular how have you understood or experienced the role of apostle?
7. How do we respond to the suggestion of v12 that leaders are here to equip us to do the work of ministry or service rather than do the work themselves.
8. Respond to this statement 'A local church is not so much a chaplaincy, there to serve our needs and make us feel good, but rather a mission agency through which we are equipped to serve.'
9. What would be the evidence that the body of Christ was being built up? v12-14
10. How does Christ exercise His headship over the body? See v16. What does this mean for us?

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