

Message Outline

Building Tools

Ephesians 4



Intro: A new Word for 2020!!!

- A month unpacking what Jesus meant by “I will BUILD my church” (Mt.16:18)...

Read: Ephesians 4

*A “building” passage...mentions 3x the root word of our Word of the Year (v.12, 16, 29)...

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- 1) _____ v.13
 - Jesus the picture of true humanity...
 - Designed to reflect God (Gen.1:27)...
 - Jesus shows us the way back to the full life (Jn.10:10)...
- 2) _____ v.7
 - This project sourced by different power...
 - The power of plugging into Christ (Eph.1:13, Acts 1:8)...
- 3) _____ v.32
 - Forgiveness for life’s mess-ups...
 - Not abusing forgiveness (Rom.6:1-2)...
- 4) _____ v.15
 - Truths “pounding” can be discomfoting for a deceived race (ie. Eden-Gen.3)...
 - God’s Word is truth (Ps119:160, Jn17:17).
 - *True* love necessitates *truth*...
- 5) _____ v.17-24
 - What standard do you measure life by? Measurements matter!
 - Righteousness and holiness as God’s standard...
- 6) _____ v.25-32
 - The twisting effect of words (Prov.18:21).
 - Paul’s repeated emphasis to watch our words in being built in Christ (v.15, 25, 29, 31, cf. Mt.12:34, Ps.19:14)...
- 7) _____ v.30-32
 - What to wear and not wear to be built up in Christlikeness...

Small Group

Reflection Questions



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week’s small group session.)

Read: 1 Kings 25

**What does this text say about God? What does it say about me/humanity?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**Describe something you built that you are proud of. What tools/skills went into that project?*

**Pick a “tool” mentioned in the sermon this Sunday to reflect on this week. Where have you seen this tool utilized and/or lost in life as you’ve gone thru this week?*

**Of all the tools talked about this past Sunday, which tool do you find you most reach for in your toolbox, and which tool do you find most ignored?*

**Name one person who you notice is “leading a life worthy of their calling” in Christ (v.1, 13). What do you notice about their life that makes them an example of Christ? (Maybe write them a letter encouraging them in that this week???)*