

Strong and Courageous...Intentionally!

Text: Ephesians 4: 11-16

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Big Idea: Jesus' blueprint for building His Church is intentional discipleship.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- What is the setting and what is happening?
- Who are the main characters?
- Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- What is the overall theme of the text?
- Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- What is one specific way I can grow in receiving God's equipping through His Word and growing in Christlike maturity?
- What next step(s) can you take to use your gifts in seeing the Church built up?

Question #5

Are there any additional questions you have about this text? If so, what?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- REVERENCE before God: Jesus, you are_____.
- HUMILITY before God: Confess & repent of areas that are hindering your maturity in Christ.
- THANKSGIVING to God: Jesus, thank You for how you are building Your church by_____.
- SUPPLICATION to God: Jesus, please build Your Church through_____.

Memory Verse:

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,"-Ephesians 4:15

