

## "Servolution"

*Get Up From The Table*

### warm-up

#### Group Ice Breaker:

Describe an experience when someone blessed you unexpectedly – through serving you or giving a special gift. How did this blessing affect your “heart” toward them and their influence with you?

### word & application

Read the following excerpts from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians (written to Gentiles):

#### Eph 3:14-19 (NLT)

*“I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources **he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.** Then **Christ will make his home in your hearts** as you trust in him. **Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong.** And may **you have the power to understand**, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May **you experience the love of Christ**, though it is too great to understand fully. Then **you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.**”*

#### Eph 4:2-3, 11-14 (NLT)

*“**Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.**”*

*Now these are **the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.** This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then **we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.***

#### Discussion

- In Chapter 3, what does Paul express as God’s will toward the lost?
- In Chapter 4:2-3, what does Paul tell us is the secret to influencing the hearts of others?
- In Chapter 4:11-14, what does Paul say will happen if we use our gifts to serve and equip others?
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#### Next Steps

Self-evaluation (share if you are comfortable):

- Take the Spiritual Gifts Test at <http://spiritualgiftstest.com/tests/>.
- What are your top 3 Spiritual Gifts? How can you use these within our church body and community?

### prayer

Pray over group requests. Also, pray that each of us follows Holy Spirit as he guides us into opportunities to serve our fellow believers and especially our fellow brothers and sisters who do not know Jesus. Pray that as we step out and serve them, they come to understand the fullness of Christ’s love and power.