

## A Beautiful Life

The book of Ephesians talks more about the nature of the Church than any book in the New Testament. And no passage is more descriptive of the Church in action than the one we are looking at today, the first half of Ephesians chapter four. After spending three chapters talking about what God has done, Paul spends the rest of the letter talking about what we must be and do.

### Read Ephesians 4.1-16

- Do you believe God has gifted you and called you into a form of ministry or service?
- Why is humility so important to living out your call from God (v. 2)? How might a lack of humility keep one from living out their call?
- What is the purpose of the grace given to each believer by Jesus here (v. 12)? (See 1 Corinthians 12.7)
- What meaning does the Apostle Paul ascribe to the quotation from the Old Testament here (vs. 8-10)? (see John 3.13; Acts 2.33; Colossians 2.15)
- What is the result of a church where every member is engaged in ministry (v. 16)? (see Romans 12.4-5; 1 Corinthians 12.27)
- Is there a new area of ministry that you feel God is calling you into today?

### Praying together

Jesus, thank you the grace you have given me to serve your greater purposes in the life of the Church today.