

# LG | Leader

[Ephesians 4:1-3]

## WARM-UP (10 mins)

Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- In your time with the Lord, what is He teaching you?
- When you reflect on Sunday's sermon, what impacted you the most? Anything that stirred your affection towards the Lord?

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Who can give us a recap of Ephesians up to this point? What are some of the themes of this book?

### Themes:

- Christ's reconciliation of all things and all peoples
  - The authority of Christ over all pagan practices and all false gods
  - The purpose of the church
  - The gift of grace through faith
  - Christ's unifying work in the saints
2. What do you think Paul means when he says that he is a prisoner of the Lord?  
Paul's heart, mind, and affections have been taken captive by the Lord. He has surrendered completely to the lordship of Christ, displayed in his sacrificial obedience.
  3. Is the "calling" that Paul mentions just for those who would consider themselves clergy or for every believer? Why?  
Every Christian has received a sacred calling; Christ has called us to Himself by His grace. Now we are to live lives worthy of this incredible calling.
  4. Practically, what does a life that is "worthy of the calling" look like?  
Answer: verses 2-3 – Humility, Gentleness, Patience, Love, Unity, Peace
  5. What are some examples of the opposite of these Christ-like traits listed above?  
Pride/Self-exaltation, Harshness, Impatience, Hatred, Disunity, Strife
  6. In verse 1, Paul urges his readers in Ephesus (And Us!) to "walk" in this Christ-like manner? Why do you think he uses the term "walk"?  
Paul uses this term often. It essentially means, "to conduct one's life." Walking implies many small actions that result in something great. Paul uses this terminology again in

Galatians 5:25; “If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.” Small daily actions that reflect Christ leads to a life lived that is “worthy of the calling.”

7. How are we empowered to live Christ-like when this seems like such an impossible task?

We must ask the Holy Spirit to help lead us and be obedient in the things we know – reading, meditating, and taking steps of obedience. [What does this prayer sound like?]

## **PRAY**

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**