

May 20

Health: Healthy Communities – Ephesians 4:7-16

Healthy Churches involve healthy Christians in healthy communities for a common mission.

Reminders

- **Soccer Camp – see website**
- **Talk about summer – how will your group change with the summer coming?**

Remember

- What stood out to you from Sunday?
- How are you tempted to bring assumptions and expectations into your experience of community?

Deepen

Why is the purpose for Healthy Communities so important?

Healthy Communities seek to identify gifts and employ them in fruitful ministry. V. 7-12

- What are some gifts and abilities in our group that are not being fully utilized?
- How can you offer your gifts to the group to make our group healthier?
- Discuss how 1 Peter 4:10-11 speaks into this?

Healthy Communities pursue maturity together – vv. 13-14

- What are some areas of needed maturity in our group?
- What can our group do to pursue maturity together?
- What responsibility does the group bear for this? What responsibility do individuals bear for this?

Healthy Communities speak the truth to one another – v. 15

- Why is this so hard? How can we work to make this more “normal”?
- How does Ephesians 4:25-32 speak to this?

Healthy Communities are interconnected and interdependent – v. 16

- Talk about how this affects how we care for one another?
- How does this affect how we serve one another?
- In what ways does this change how we grow together?

Healthy Communities have a Leader – v. 8, 15

- How does Jesus our victorious warrior impact our experience of community?
- How does Jesus our Faithful Head impact our experience of community?
- How do you need to repent of trusting other leaders or not trusting Jesus to pursue biblical community more deeply?

Transform

Read Ephesians 3:8-12

What is Paul saying is God’s plan for his people?

Does that sound overwhelming? Energizing? Frustrating?

If someone joined our group for a few weeks, how would they see the manifold wisdom of God?

What would you want to change so that they could see more of God’s eternal purpose?