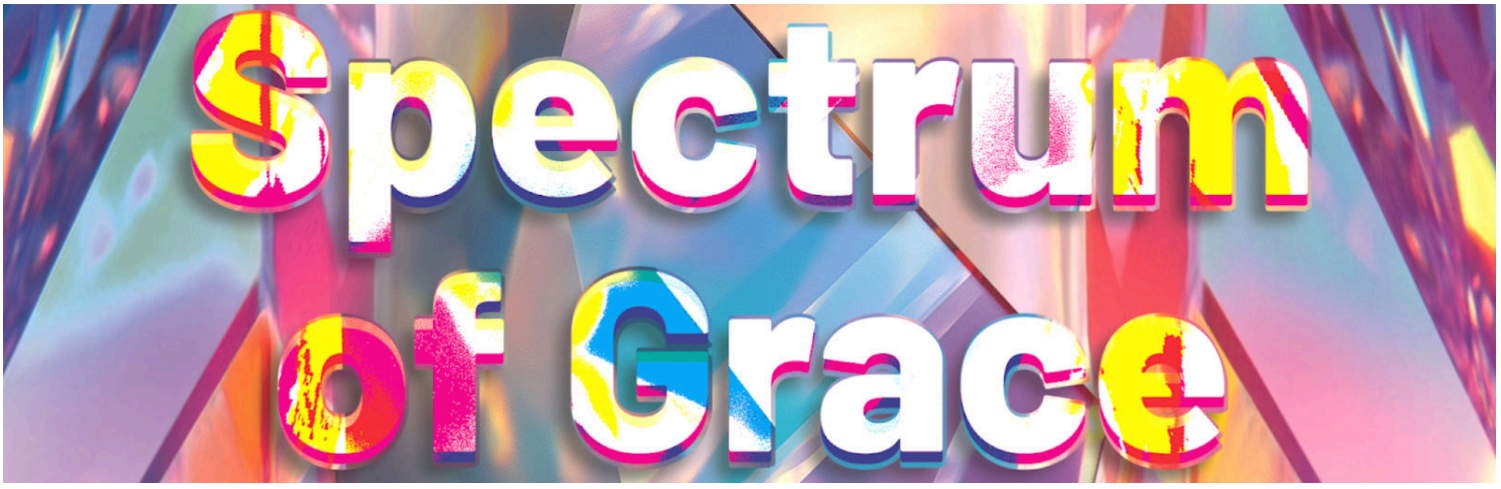


Week of December 14, 2025 - The Power You've Missed | Small Group Lesson 9

Connect

Talk about someone who has great power, but consistently uses that power with gentleness and humility. What specific actions or attitude makes their humility stand out?

Verses - Ephesians 4:1-6 (NKJV)

Read aloud:

1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. In vv.1-2, what does Paul give as four virtues or character traits that are essential for beginning to "walk worthy" of our calling?

2. What does Paul urge the believers to endeavor to keep in v.3, and what is the relationship between the virtues in v.2 and the goal in v.3?

3. Paul contrasts his own state ("prisoner of the Lord") with the believers' calling. What is he likely drawing from, and how does it motivate your walk?

4. In verses 4-6, Paul lists seven "Ones." What is the central theological truth about God's nature and relationship to us that this list leads to?

Share

Discuss 1:
Pastor Jesse talked about how hostility toward a fellow believer means your broken wall of hostility is a current reality and not a memory. Can you share a time when remembering the Gospel helped you turn a current reality of conflict into a memory of past hostility that led to love?

Discuss 2:
Pastor Jesse talked about the importance of unity through brotherly love. He states that without unity, the body becomes immobilized and cannot worship, share the Good News, or minister to each other. How does disunity sabotage the church's core functions, mission, and rob it of its power?

Minister to one another through PRAYER sharing specific prayer requests.