

*Trans-form Notes*  
**Ephesians 4:7-16**

**Text: Ephesians 4:1-6**

- ❖ Read, meditate on, and pray through Ephesians 4:7-16

**Interact:** (Discuss the following questions with your group or some friends)

- ❖ How important are preaching and teaching in our church? How important are personal conversations of discernment in the life of our church?
- ❖ Maturing is a slow, life-long process without shortcuts. Why is this? What shortcuts have you tried? Why do we keep falling for shortcuts?
- ❖ What is the diversity that exists in the unity?
- ❖ Why does God give some believers the particular gifts he lists in 11-12? The particular gift is not what matters; it's how those gifts are used. What are the results of using those gifts God gives us (vv. 13-16)?
- ❖ Where do you need to grow toward maturity? Where does our church need to grow toward maturity? How can you use the gifts God has given you to enable this to take place?

**Apply:** (Look for ways to apply at least one concept to your life)

- ❖ We are considering changing the words that represent our *transformation process*. The words are only important in helping us to articulate and practice things that helps grow in maturity. *Restore, Love, and Serve* is our current language. Two passages that I believe are helpful are John 15:1-17 and Micah 6:8. Spend some time in prayer, meditation, and study as we begin to discern together the ways God is seeking to disciple us. Look for the things God does and look what he requires of us. Spend some moments each time you are gathered to pray and discuss this.<sup>1</sup>

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**Resources**

Wright, NT *Ephesians: 11 Studies for Individuals and Groups* IVP 2009  
Peterson, Eugene *Practice Resurrection: Study Guide*. Eerdmans 2010