



**PRAYER:** Begin with a few moments of sharing thanks and praises in prayer.

**Leaders,** it's your call; you may choose to incorporate more information/scriptures as time allows for your small group lesson. **Reflecting:** Pastor John is teaching on the 3D challenge... the strategy we are implementing at Central Community to accomplish the mission God has called us to which is "changing lives... turning uncommitted people into fully devoted followers of Christ." Leaders, you may want to reflect and reiterate from Sunday's message including 1) When you think of the church... is it a noun or a verb? What makes the difference for you? This week Pastor John is teaching on the 2nd D in the 3D challenge which is Develop. If you were unable to hear the message first hand, please go online to listen to it first at [www.centralcommunity.org](http://www.centralcommunity.org).

**OPENER:** What is your favorite team sport?

**Read:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**DISCUSS:** Of the qualities listed in verse 2, which did you demonstrate the best today? The worst?

**Read:** Ephesians 4:7-16

What is God's purpose in giving gifts to his people?

Why is it important that each part of "the body" does its work?

What does it mean to speak "the truth in love?" (verse 15)

How is this different than just speaking truth?

**According to this passage, what's the problem with trying to live the Christian life apart from the church? In what ways do you need others?**

**On a scale of 1 (apart) to 10 (together) how unified do you feel to your church? Explain why.**

**How are you doing at fulfilling your call to "keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace?" (verse 3)**

**Are you living up to the "calling you have received?" (verse 1) in Your work? Your home? Your relationships? Why or why not?**

**Of the four jobs Paul describes for a management team, which job would you choose: apostle (pioneer and church planter), prophet (motivator and encourager), evangelist (soul winner), or pastor/teacher (trainer and coach)?**

**How can you develop this gift?**

**PLAN for ACTION:**

**What are some classes, outreach projects, or meaningful ways I can develop my faith and purpose in Christ? Leaders encourage your members to participate in Insights to Central membership class, SHAPE Class, small group accountability group, and local/international mission projects.**

**How can this group pray for you this week?**

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