

Week 3 - Growth Group Study

Read Ephesians 2:19-22.

Landing: seeing that we play a critical role in the building up of God's people urges us to pursue our purpose of speaking the truth in love so that we each grow.

1. What are the different ways God's people are described?
2. What are the different images used? What does each image add to the overall message?

"Fellow citizens" - almost like a good patriotism (but of our heavenly country, other national markers become less important, all nations belong)

"Members of his household" - closeness, family, intimacy, God's family the focus not our own family lines)

"Foundation, cornerstone, building" - solid, stable, but also growing

"Temple" - holy, set apart for God, pure, the connection to an OT reminds us of the purposes God's been working in history finding fulfilment in Christ and his people

Read Ephesians 4:11-16.

3. What similar themes do we see in this passage? What's added?
4. What role does this passage give to every member of the body?
5. What might it look like for us to play our part in this?

Other prompts - "what might this mean for those who've been Christians for a longer period of time compared to those newer?"

"How is this time together a chance to speak the truth in love? Could we do this more intentionally?"

Watch the EV Grow, Week 3 video together

- What can we be thankful to God for? (Things from the video or other things the video reminded you of)
- How might church be different without our past generous giving to the facilities?
- Are there questions people have about committing to the ongoing repayments of the one-off gift? <https://evchurch.info/ev-grow/> there's a FAQs section here
- Let's thank God for the past generosity of his people and the way he has used it to save and grow his church - wide and deep. Pray that God would use our generosity to see the work of the gospel continue for generations on the Central Coast and beyond.

Pray together