Vision Sunday Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

- 1. Generally speaking, are you more prone to think about the past, the present, or the future?
- 2. What is one thing you would really like to see happen in 2025? What can you do to help make that thing happen?

Read the following passages: Ephesians 4:4-13.

What if God answered our biggest prayers for growth, renewal, and revival overnight?! Would we be ready? Paul outlines how God intends to "build up" the body of Christ in Ephesians 4: God gives grace to each person so that we have something to offer to others. He also supplies leaders to equip all of God's people so that, working together, we can "all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fulness of Christ.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

- 1. What are some ways you feel ready to minister to others and what are some ways you don't feel ready? Explain. Relatedly, what are some strengths you can leverage for the benefit of God's people?
- 2. Paul uses the metaphor of a human body to describe God's people. What are some lessons we can learn from this metaphor, particularly in the context of accomplishing God's purpose?
- 3. What, according to Ephesians 4:4-6, is the foundation of the unity of the people of God? Why do you think Paul (and other early Christians) put such an emphasis on the unity of God's people? How can we capitalize on this foundation of unity when we feel the temptation to divide?
- 4. Which of the following six core practices of discipleship do you need to give attention to in 2025?
 - Attend Sunday services
 - Read the Bible and pray every day
 - Commit to a Small Group
 - Serve on a Volunteer Team
 - Pray daily for three friends who are not yet following Christ
 - Give a percentage of your income to the church
- 5. Have you completed the Growth Track? If not, what's your next step?

6. What is one prayer you have for Freedom Church this year?

Pray