

Discussion Questions

Becoming Christ-like, mature believers takes time and effort, embracing both attitudes and actions in obedience to God's Word. Paul has laid the foundation of God's amazing grace in and through Christ with chapters 1-3. Now it is time to dig in deep to the implications. Now it is time to build our individual and corporate lives upon the Rock (Mat. 7:24). The second half of Ephesians has over 35 commands or prohibitions!

1. Pray, asking God to help you focus, to have illumination and proper diligence resulting in actual growth and change. Then read thru the passage 3 times slowly, prayerfully, out loud. Use different translations if you find that helpful (the You Version Bible app is great for this).
2. What is very different about this passage that we didn't see in the previous chapters?
3. What word is repeated more than any other word? Why is this important?
4. What does it mean to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called"? Can we be "worthy" of being saved? Explain your answer.
5. Is there someone in your life that you need to show more of verse 2 to in the coming days? What is something tangible and specific you can do to show that person humility and gentleness, patience and tolerance? Do it.
6. Who are given for the equipping of the saints for ministry? For what purpose are the saints to be equipped for ministry? Why do you think God arranged it this way?
7. How long is the body of Christ to be built up? When will this happen?
8. What implied trait of children is Paul using to make his point? How does this compare to children in the body of Christ?
9. Why is the phrase "in love" in verse 15 so important?
10. How are the pastors and elders of KBC doing in equipping you for the work of service? What areas do you desire to be better equipped? What is your responsibility in this?
11. How are you serving in your church?