

## ***Satanic Christianity Part 3: Ephesians 4:1-16***

Icebreaker: How did you practice BLESS this week?

Discussion: For group discussion to be fruitful and engaging for everyone in your group, make sure that your discussion groups are not larger than 4 people. If possible, break up into groups of 2 or 3.

Larger Group: (5 minutes)

- Welcome everyone
- Introduce the direction for the evening.
  - Read Ephesians 4:7, 12-14 highlight the following
    - The starting place of this conversation is that God has give us gifts that are meant to mature us into a unified expression of Christ in the world.
    - Our goal is to become mature through receiving and giving ministry to one another!
    - So, let us eagerly develop relationships which are the conduit of love from God's throne to one another's hearts!
- Prepare to break into smaller groups

Smaller Groups (20-25 minutes) Give the following instructions and break into small groups (2-3 people).

Have someone read Ephesians 4:1-3. Paul makes it clear that God has paid a high price to bring His people together as a unified family! We have been born again into a whole new life! Being part of God's family means that there is good work to do as we grow and mature to be more like Christ!

- How would you describe your desire to mature as a Christian?
- How does grace (vs 7) help you as you consider areas where you feel you need to mature?
- Paul lists several attributes needed to grow in maturity: humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance and eagerness.
  - Which of those do you believe you are lacking?
  - Why do you think that?
  - How can our group help you to grow in that area?

Have someone read Ephesians 4:13-16. Paul includes himself and points out that we don't merely need to mature individually, we need one another to mature as a church. We work together to mature and we have hope that God will complete the work that he began. Our relationships are the hub of ministry that matures us! You are an important part of making that happen!

- Do you see yourself as a minister in the church? Why/why not?
  - How does that self-perception affect the way you receive from others?
  - How does that self-perception affect the way you serve others?

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- Paul says that we are gifts to the church and that we have been given gifts (vs 7).
    - What gifts do you have?
    - How are you using them to serve the church?
    - How did you discover those gifts?
    - What are some ways that we can use our gifts to build up and encourage one another?
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Larger Group:

Return to larger group to give summary of your discussion in smaller groups (5-10 minutes)

Allow time to pray for the lost, end with B.L.E.S.S. (10-15 minutes)

Where are group members in the B.L.E.S.S. process? Model for them how to answer briefly, for example:

"I'm praying for \_\_\_\_\_".

"I have been having good conversations with \_\_\_\_\_". "I'm having lunch with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on  
\_\_\_\_\_ (day of the week)."

Closing prayer - (2-5-minutes)