

**Living Hope
Baptist Church**

*Small Group
Study Guide*

*Peace with Imperfect People Is Possible
Ephesians 4:1-16*

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A C L O S E R L O O K

E p h e s i a n s 4 : 1 - 1 6

- 1) Read 4:1-7. How does Paul instruct the Ephesians to “walk”? How does he tell them to relate to one another?

- 2) Read 4:11-12. What roles does Paul describe in this passage? Why did God give people in these different positions of leadership to the church?

- 3) According to verse 14, what danger did the Ephesians face concerning false doctrine?

- 4) Read 4:15-16. What does Paul describe in this passage as being the foundation for church unity?

L I F E A P P L I C A T I O N

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”
(Ephesians 4:15-16 ESV)

- 1) What happens when we “speak the truth” to people, but we don’t do it “in love”?

- 2) What happens when we speak “in love” to people, but we don’t “speak the truth” to them?

- 3) How does “speaking the truth in love” enable us to build up the body of Christ?

- 4) Is there someone in your life that you need to speak the truth in love to, but have not? What keeps you from doing so?