The welcome verse for this week is Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."



The Huddle

Ephesians 4:1-16 Hebrews 10:24-25

The Bottom Line: Mutual Ministry Makes Maturity.

Introduction:

Do you remember what it was like growing up in grade school?

Our favorite memory from school is probably Ellio's Pizza, but the worst memory, without a doubt – team projects.

The best "teams" always seemed to produce the best work.

Success starts with the structure of the team.

Tension:

No one wants to be tied up with a team, trying to get the work done.

The home and the culture have raised and formed us for ultimately becoming independent of others.

Truth:

The Apostle's teaching was not independence, but interdependence. In other words, God has made you to *need* other people.

Your sanctification (growth toward Christlikeness) is a team project. God is the cause, but the church is the means. **YOU** were made to be a good team player.

The Church = The Team. Godliness = The Goal. What is the structure of a successful team?

Read Ephesians 4:1-16.

| Application & Conclusion: | | | | |
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| Paul reminds us that the body strengthens the parts, and the parts strengthen the body. In other words, mutual ministry makes maturity. Teams make touchdowns. Armies win battles. God has wired you so that you <i>cannot</i> attain the goal alone. That is why, every week, we return to "the huddle," working together toward knowledge, spiritual maturity, and ultimately love. | | | | |
| "So then, let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding." ~ Romans 14:19 | | | | |
| Discussion questions for group this week: | | | | |
| 1. What does this teach me about God? | | | | |
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| 2. What does this teach me about me? | | | | |

| 3. | . How do I apply th | nis to my life? | | |
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| 4. | . If I could ask a qu | iestion about this | it would be | |
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