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Home Group study: week beginning 19th March 2023

TITLE: Equipping
PASSAGE: Ephesians 4:1-16

On Sunday Ros & Ugo shared their experiences of Mothering both their own biological children and spiritual children. One of the questions we asked them was who have been 'mother figures' in their lives.

- Have you had any experience of being mentored?

- Who have been active role models to you in your life whether in faith, work, life?

- What do you believe are the qualities that have made them a "good" role model?

Today we're going to explore the theme of Equipping:

(I always like to consider asking 'what immediately stands out in the passage?' Quite often, I find, the Holy Spirit highlights new understanding to us individually upon a read of a passage.)

Read Ephesians 4:1-16 (*we'll be focussing in more on 11-16 but the whole passage is helpful* ☺) **& Ephesians 5:1-2**

- Paul uses the terms 'infants' and 'mature' in a contrast. How would you describe the differences between these contrast positions?

- In what ways would you consider yourself like an infant or what areas do you think you model maturity? *(there's a difference between celebrating strengths and boasting* ☺*)*

- What does these passages suggest are the hope for people who follow Christ?

Paul describes the "Church" being given Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers to equip individuals on the way to maturity.

- Do you feel there is a 'calling' or 'works of service' God has placed on your heart?

- How do you think you could be supported or equipped in your pursuit of these areas?

- Is there part of your general walk of faith that you would like to receive further equipping that would help you grow in maturity?

- Are there individuals in the church that you feel you could ask to support you on your walk of faith? Is there anything that would hinder you asking for support?

- What is the view of the church when the body works in unity, growing together to a place of maturity?