

10-18: Sermon Listening Guide



A New Love

Ephesians 4:1-6 New International Version

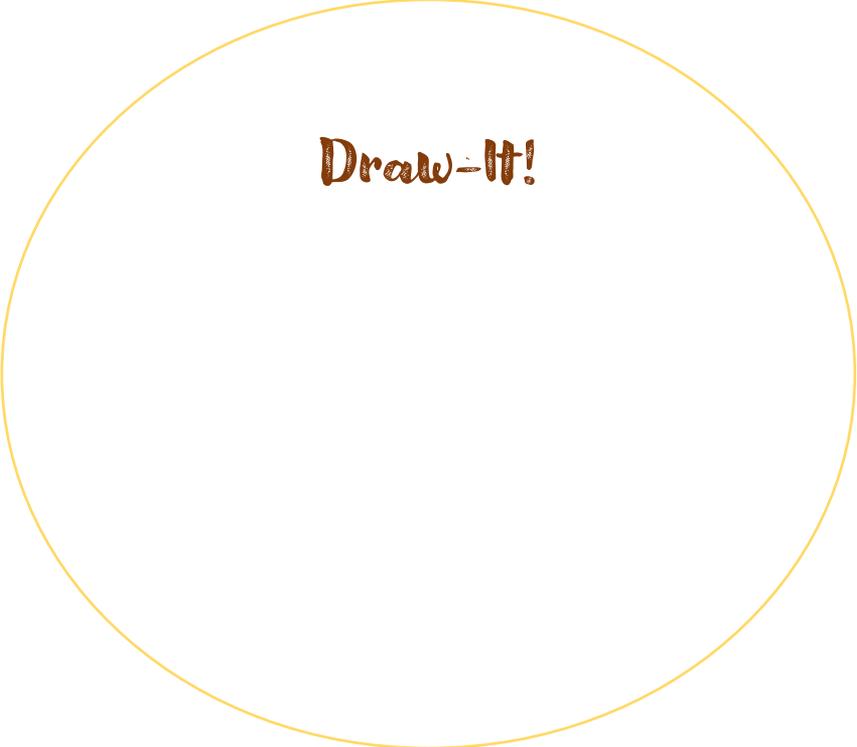
As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the

faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. **15** Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. **16** From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



Draw-It!

So how does the church commit themselves to first flourish before we can help our world flourish?

“The gospel is the only vision of the future that leads to human flourishing.”

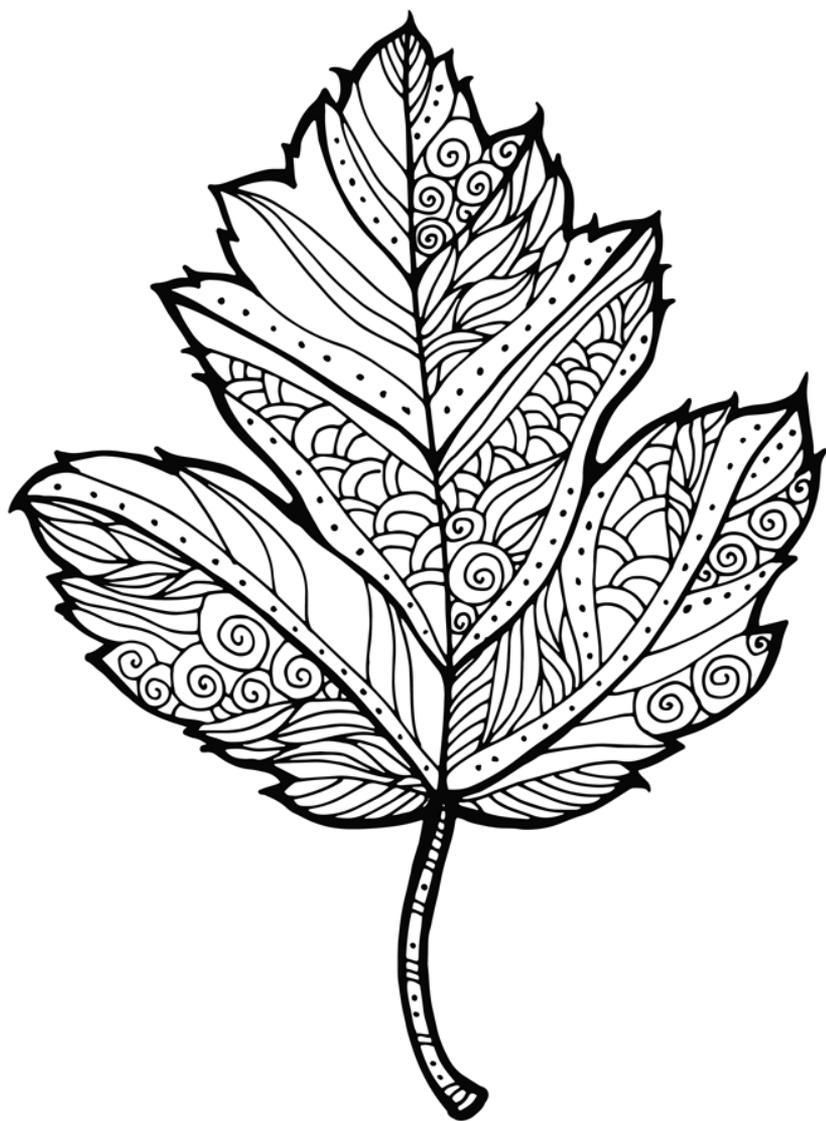
- Matt Chandler

Romans 15:20 New International Version

²⁰ It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

“Biblical flourishing is missional, priestly, and outward focused, motivated on spreading God's glory throughout the earth. We flourish when we help others flourish (Jeremiah 29:4 – 7). Biblical flourishing encompasses all of our being, including our material, psychological, spiritual, and emotional aspects.”

– Hugh Whelchel, Executive Director of the Institute for Faith, Work & Economic



MAIN TRUTHS:

1. Verses 1 – 2: A new love in our

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“Believers are now called to lead lives that are in keeping with their high destiny and calling.”

– O’ Brien

“As believers bear with one another’s weaknesses and failures in the midst of tensions and conflicts, they show a lifestyle that is consistent with their divine calling.”

– O’ Brien

2. Verses 3 – 6: A new love for our

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3. Verses 11 – 16: A new love for our

NOTES: _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. How do you know that someone loves and cares for you? What is a recent example?

2. Why does Paul keep talking about the importance of our unity?

3. What does maturity look like according to Paul in vs. 11-16?

4. Why must the church flourish first before we can help our world to flourish?
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*Be completely
humble & gentle;*



*be patient, bearing with
one another in love.
Ephesians 4:2*

