

### MAIN IDEA

God gives each person gifts to be part of His mission to change the world.

# **STARTER**

If you could have any superpower, what would it be? Why?

#### **DISCUSS**

How have you experienced being "loved where you are and encouraged to grow" at Hope?

### READ

Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and discuss:

- What does this passage say about your identity in Christ?
- How does the idea of being a "unique masterpiece" from God encourage or challenge you?
- What is a time in your life that you have experienced the most joy serving others?

# Read Ephesians 4:11-16 and discuss:

- In your own words, how does this passage describe the purpose of the church?
- How do you think you could be more engaged serving others with your gifts? At home? Where you work? At church?
- What is a specific way God is challenging you to grow in your faith during this season of life?

## **APPLY**

Have everyone take a minute to pause, pray, and reflect on the question:

What is a step you could take to be more engaged in the mission of the church?





\*\*\*Leaders, if your group wants to dig deeper into the five giftings mentioned in Ephesians, here is a brief description of each one and a <u>free test</u> to help you identify your gifting.

- Apostle- pioneering, risk-taking, good at charting new paths.
- Evangelist- inviting, encouraging, good at getting others excited.
- Prophet—challenging, truth-telling, champion truth and justice.
- Pastor—caring and nurturing, good at seeing value in anyone.
- Teacher- inspires learning, good at explaining things.

Gifts from God are always developed and affirmed in community where we are serving others like Jesus. If you have people take the test, it would be good to share it with the group and ask for feedback about how they've seen that in your life.

