

Message by John Johnson
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Habits of the Heart that Deadened Resurrected Lives
Ephesians 4:11-16

1. Someone in the group read the passage out loud. Share together your observations about what the passage says.
2. Pastor John opened his message with a reference to the movie, "The Book of Eli." How did he say the mission of the main character in that movie is similar to the mission of the church?
3. The theme of this message was about living as those who have shared in Christ's resurrection. How does our resurrected position in Christ (Eph. 2:4-7) compare with how we used to walk before we trusted Christ (Eph. 2:1-3)?
4. John quoted Eugene Peterson, "We have a propensity to carry old cemetery habits and assumptions into resurrection country." What does this mean? Do you agree?
5. What does the Apostle Paul say in Eph. 4:16 is what causes a church to grow? What would that look like in our church, Village Baptist?
6. John asked a couple of questions at the close of his message. How would you answer each of them?
 - a) Are you attentive to the grace God has given?
 - b) Are you allowing the Spirit to release that grace in you?