

## **WOODLANDS CHURCH**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> 2018. Building tomorrow's Church today**

### **Discussion notes: Leadership: Ephesians 4:11-13**

An absolute priority in building tomorrow's Church is the role of leadership. Bill Hybells says 'When a leader gets better, everyone wins'. The Church in the UK is looking hard at leadership and recognising traditional models of leadership need to change. In fact perhaps these traditional models have contributed to the decline of the Church and we need to re-imagine the practice of leadership in the C21. The passage in Ephesians looks at some diverse leadership roles in the Church and how they are 'gifts' to the Church from the risen Jesus.

1. How would you define 'leadership'? Are leaders 'born' or 'made'? Can you become a leader if you are not yet one?
2. What is the job of these Church leaders (v12)?
3. These leaders are sometimes called 'the five fold ministries'. Do you know what each ministry looks like in practice? Do we have such people at Woodlands?
4. What sort of Leadership gifts do we need to take the Church forward today? Traditionally Church leaders have been pastor teachers, i.e. more focused on those already part of the Church family. How do other leadership gifts work in our Churches?
5. What leadership pathways are there in woodlands for 'everyone' to be prepared for works of service and become mature?
6. In what ways should Christian leadership be different to secular leadership?
7. How important is it that leadership is 'team'?

Do you consider your Christian leaders a gift from God (v 8)? How can you grow in your leadership gift? How does your small group give opportunities for people to lead?