Gamma 11

Study 14

Ephesians 4:26-32

Section A (Exegetical Questions)

- 1.Is it a sin for a Christian to be angry? Why or why not please support anwser from the passage.
- 2. Anger and sin are two edges of the same sword, what danger is there in anger and what role does self control play in anger? Look at the anger in verse 26 and the anger in the context of verse 31 does Paul refer to the same thing?
- 3. What is bitterness and what is the root cause and how can we practically deal with this?
- 4. How is the warning not to grieve the Holy Spirit related to the rest of the passage . Look at Isaiah 63:1-10
- 5. How do we speak to each other in church in verse 29. How do we do this practically especially to someone who, you don't like. What are the problems we encounter doing this?
- 6. Had you come across people who steal in church? Why should you not be surprised? Does this mean that the church is not a godly church if there are thieves there? Do you condemn the church or its leadership because of the the thief? How does Paul deal with people steal?
- 7. What according to Paul is the purpose of work in verse 28? How does Gal 2:10 and Luke 10: 25-37 support this? Is the ministry of mercy optional or for just some people specialised in social ministry. Look at Matt 25:31-36 The poor man is amongst our midst as a test..how is this true in the light of the passage in Matthew.

8. A man said complained to his church elder "I cannot afford to give, I have my own financial problems so I need to clear them before I can even begin to consider giving to the poor". Look at Gal 6:2 and discuss what it means to bear each other's burdens. If we only give what we can afford do we bear any burden?