

## **SESSION 6 (Solo): A GROWN-UP MAN (Ephesians 4 v 14-16)**

### **THE BIG IDEA:**

We grow up as Christian men and avoid getting things wrong by being part of a church, and by loving and speaking the truth to each other.

### **GUIDANCE FOR QUESTIONS:**

3. By speaking the truth in love.

4. Christians are the “parts”. They do their work by using their God-given gifts to serve one another.

5. By speaking the truth in love.

### *Boxed bit:*

The first quotation is speaking with love, but not in truth. The second is speaking the truth in love. The third is speaking the truth, but not in love.

### **SCENARIO:**

You might want to start the next session by talking about this scenario, as it'll help you see whether the teenager has grasped the teaching of this session, and will be a useful recap of it.

6. They can be “tossed back and forth”, “blown here and there by every wind of teaching” because they listen to “deceitful” people. It's quite hard to put this in your own words! But essentially, “baby” Christians can easily be convinced to listen to someone who isn't teaching the truth of God's word, and so they can easily be led astray from believing in Jesus and living how He wants them to.

7. A useful question to think about at the beginning of Session 7. We need to go to church:

to serve other Christians with our gifts.

to grow up in our faith.

to speak the truth in love.

to avoid being led astray.

8. Because each part of a body relies on all the other bits. All of us need to do our “work” (of using our gifts and speaking the truth in love) if all the other bits are to grow well.

When you recap this session, don't dwell on false teaching with the teenager, unless you're concerned that he is or could be being exposed to it, in which case it might be worth taking a few moment to point out that clearly Paul felt this was a real danger in a real church, and that the solution is not to worry about false teaching but to aim for unity in faith in Jesus Christ (ie: to keep believing in and teaching salvation by grace, 2 v 8); and to aim to grow in knowledge of the Son of God (4 v 13). The more we know what is right the more we will be able to spot what is not right!