

Sermon Guide

Ephesians 4:11-16



▶ How have people told you that you are gifted?

▶ How have you used those gifts?

Read [Ephesians 4:11-16](#)

1. What is God's purpose in giving gifts to his people? Why is it important that each part of "the body" does its work?
2. What does it mean to speak "the truth in love" (v. 15)? How is it different than just speaking truth?
3. According to this passage, what's the problem with trying to live the Christian life apart from the church? In what ways do you need others?
4. What should our growth in Christ lead to?

GROW



▶ How are you building up the body? What can you do to build up the body of the Church? If you are a church leader, what are you doing to train and enlist others to build the body?

GLORIFY

Take a moment to read and reflect on the following prayer: *"Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen"* (The Book of Common Prayer).