

BE THE CHURCH

Ephesians





PARENT MEETING

OCTOBER 4 | 11:30 | DOWNSTAIRS

Who?

- Parents of children
- Children's Ministry Workers

What?

- 2nd Service format
- General changes
- Opportunities to serve

Principle

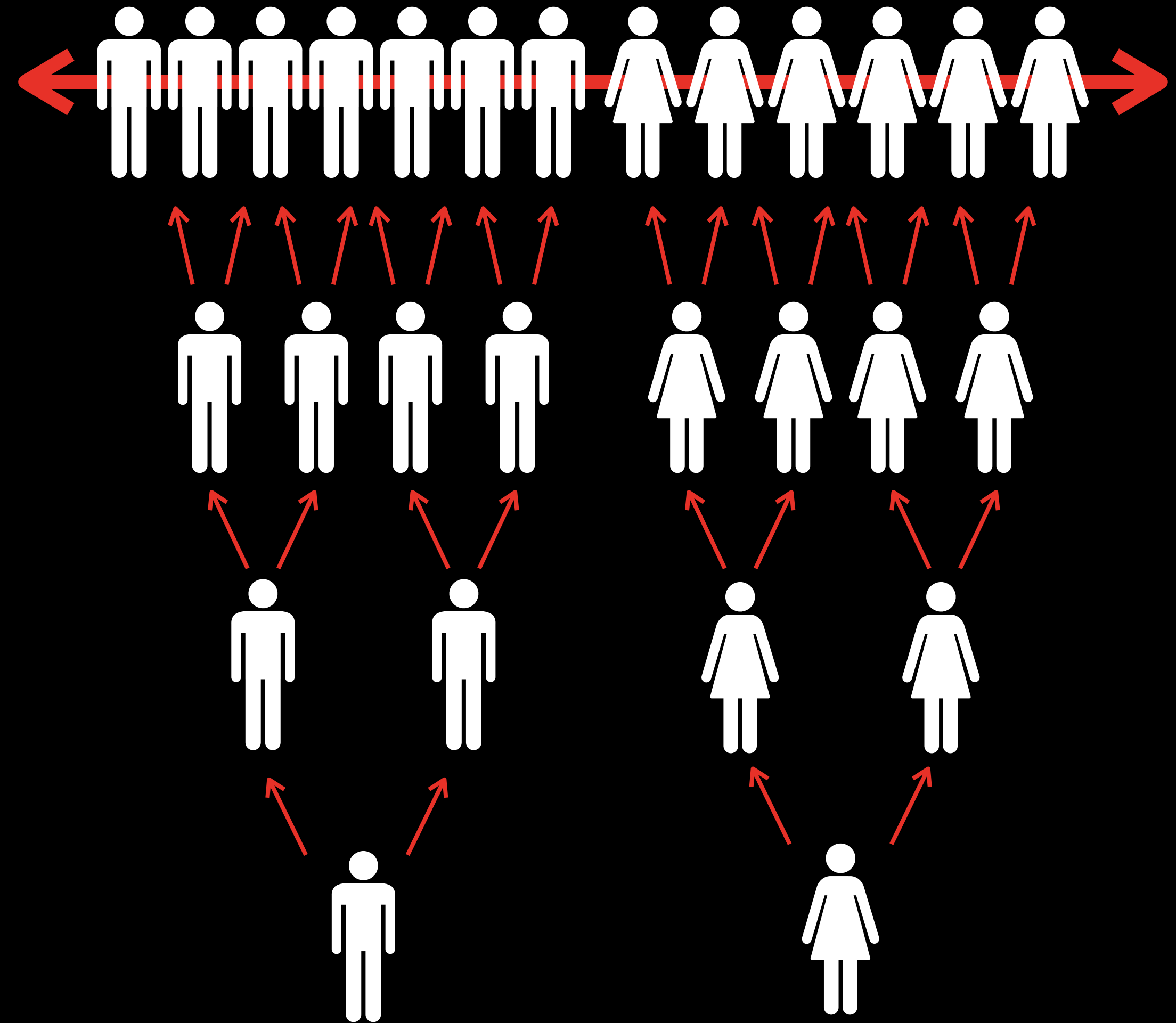
Jesus has unified the Church, yet He has also diversely gifted the Church. He has given many gifts, but certain ones are meant to equip the Church unto its ultimate aim of functional unity together in mutual love and labor in the mission of God.

↔ **Maturing Church**

Doing The Co-Maturing Work Of Ministry
(speaking the needed truth into one another in love)

↑ **Discipleship**

Equipping And Being Equipped
(APESTing the truth, competencies)



Ephesians 4:17-24

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“The Flesh Life”

thinking and acting in step with our flesh

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Romans 6:1-14

⁶ We **know** that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin — — ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

¹¹ So you also must **consider** yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹³ Do not **present** your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but **present** yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

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The primary “work of ministry” of a maturing, discipleship-equipped church is spiritual formation; the relational process of bringing all of life (thinking and actions) into submission to God.

Next Week

Ephesians 4:25-32