

# Stay Connected... (Part 3)

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Truth: Staying connected to ministry and missions means to actively look for ways to serve God in the church and in the world.

## God Expects and Prepares Christ Followers to Be the Hands and Feet of the Gospel

Ephesians 4:11-16

- God equips us for the work of ministry, 4:12
  - Through the local church
  - Through the spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit gives us
  
- As we do the work together, we build up the body of Christ, 4:12-15
  - Because we are unified in our purpose to serve Christ
  - Because we are committed to spiritual growth so we can speak the truth in love and share His message with the world
  
- When the body of Christ, the church, works as God intended, Christ is edified and His Kingdom expands, 4:16
  - God does not expect us to do everything, but He does expect us to serve Him in some way
  - When a person experiences God's love through salvation, the body celebrates, God is glorified, and that person is set free to serve the Lord

### BOTTOM LINE

UCC challenges every member to be the hands and feet of the Gospel sharing the message of salvation leading people to know and serve Christ faithfully.