

Part 4

GROWING IN KNOWING GOD THROUGH COMMUNITY

Ephesians 4:11-16

11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Message notes:

One of the most dangerous things is an _____ Christian.

God loves to talk about _____. He loves His Church.

The Church's unity is born out of _____ Jesus.

There is a great value to being _____ with the people of God.

God will tell you to give the same grace to _____ as He has given to you.

You're going to be challenged, but that's how you get to _____ God better!

We're _____ together.

Additional notes:

Discussion Questions:

What did God show you as you read a verse from Psalm 1 every day?

Why are isolated Christians dangerous? What values do they miss by not being in community?

Why does God love His Church so much? Can you love God without loving His Church?

Why is unity within the Church so important?

How has being in community helped you grow in knowing God?

How can our Small Group continue to grow closer together in relationships?

Ministry Time Questions:

Is anyone still dealing with hurts from being in community in the past?

Are there people you need to go forgive or ask for forgiveness from?