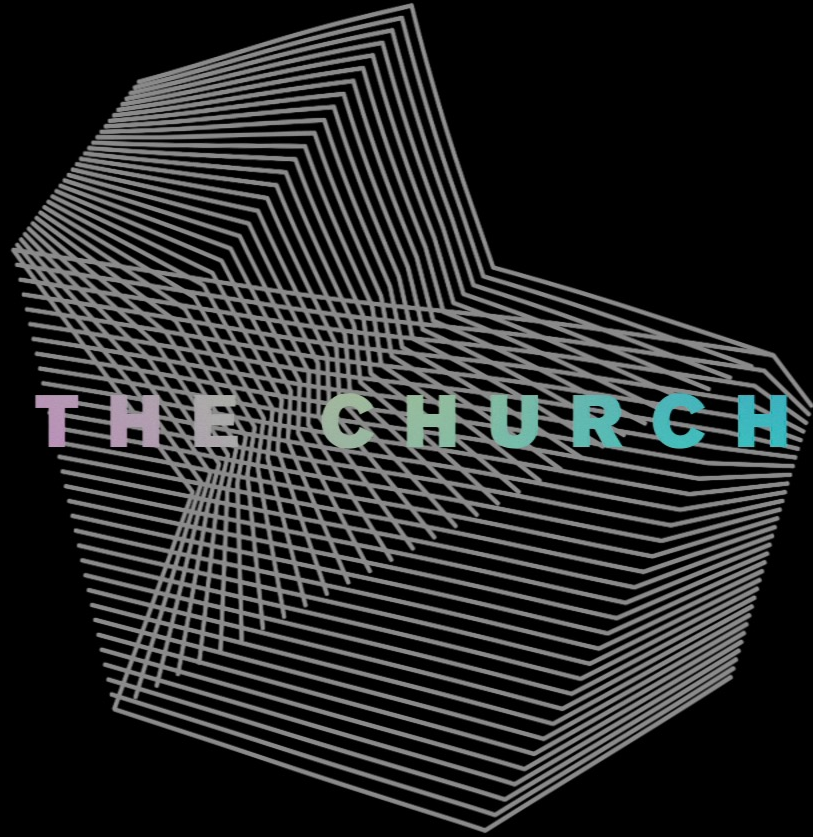




EPHESIANS



THE CHURCH



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EPHESIANS 4:11-16 ESV

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¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,





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¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.



“Most people don’t grow up. Most people age. They get married, have children, buy a house and call that maturity... But all that is ageing.”

MAYA ANGELOU

1. MATURING IN SERVICE

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**The purpose of leaders within the church
is to equip God's people, with God's
Word, for God's work.**

**LEADERS ARE EQUIPPERS.
CHRISTIANS ARE MINISTERS.**

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“A gospel-saturated church is a church filled with people who give everything they have because they understand that in Christ they already have everything they need.”

J.D GREEAR

2. MATURING IN GOSPEL-DOCTRINE

EPHESIANS 4:13-14 ESV

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3. MATURING IN GOSPEL- CULTURE

EPHESIANS 4:15 ESV

¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

“Truth becomes hard if it is not softened by love; love becomes soft if it is not strengthened by truth.”

JOHN STOTT

“If we are going to grow up into Christ in EVERY WAY,
then we need to learn to speak the truths of Christ into
EVERYTHING.”

JEFF VANDERSTELT

