

The Body

Ephesians 4

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Ephesians 4:11-14 – 11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 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.

The GOAL of the CHURCH is to grow to the HEIGHT of JESUS.

LEADERSHIP is a GIFT of GRACE from JESUS.

If you FOLLOW JESUS, you are a SAINT.

MINISTRY is to SERVE GOD and OTHERS in GOD'S name.

Ephesians 4:1-3 – 1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Implications from Ephesians 4:

God intended for you to PARTICIPATE in a SPIRITUAL FAMILY.

Christian LEADERSHIP is responsible for EQUIPPING.

Your job is to bring HARMONY to the BODY.

No ministry is ISOLATED to a CHURCH BUILDING.

When everyone PARTICIPATES, the BODY grows in STATURE and MATURITY.

Every MEMBER is a MINISTER at COLLEGESIDE and with COLLEGESIDE.

Small Group Questions:

How might seeing yourself as a saint produce more ministry?

Do believers overthink or underthink ways to minister to others? How can we think about this appropriately?

What are basic ways to participate in a church family?

What should a local church consider when encouraging participation, service, or attendance?

How does your personal growth affect congregational growth?