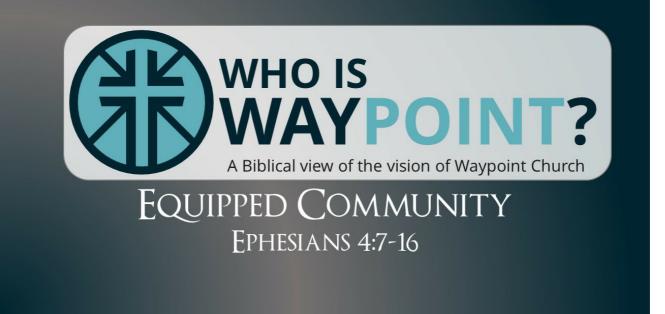
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The main job of the leaders of this church is to shepherd the flock and help equip you for ministry. Our prayer is we're doing that well. What is keeping you from participating in what God has for you? Your challenge today is to dive in! Be part of what God is doing in this church and our community.

Welcome and Announcements

#### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 96:1-3

# Songs of Praise

My Jesus I Love Thee Christ Be Magnified

# **Confession of Faith**

New City Catechism #37

Q. How does the Holy Spirit help us?

A. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

# **Offering**

Click to give online

Please prayerfully consider an online offering

#### Song of Declaration

Glory Honor Power

#### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, we openly admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before you. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you. Therefore, we ask that you discover unto us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in your presence and seek your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, malice and other things that grieve your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please you this day and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:6-8

Children's Message

Sermon - Equipped Community

Sermon Scripture - Ephesians 4:7-16

#### <u>Gifts</u>

- How does Acts 1:8 help us understand our passage?
  - Psalm 68:18
  - Acts 1:10-11
- Who is gifted? How does Jesus model equipping in his own ministry?

• Ephesians 4:7

• What two questions should we ask about gifts?

#### Equipping

- What are the gifts mentioned in this passage? What gifts do we normally think about?

   Ephesians 4:11
- What is the main purpose of church leaders?
  - Ephesians 4:12
- What is the second purpose in us receiving gifts?
  - Mark 10:45

# **Maturity**

- What happens when the church begins functioning properly?
  - Ephesians 4:13
- How can we tell if we're a mature believer (Hebrews 5:12-14)?
- How do our core values fit together?

# Song of Response

Breathe on Me Breath of God

# **Benediction**

- 1. Read Acts 1:10-11. How do you think you would have reacted in this situation?
- 2. How can you serve the kingdom more effectively with the gifts you've been given?
- 3. Do you see your church leaders as a gift form the Lord?
- 4. Paul says the role of the pastor is to equip the saints for ministry? What comes to mind when you think about being equipped for ministry?

- 5. What makes a person a mature believer?
- 6. Where have you seen God working through you recently?