



Clearwater Community Church

THE THREAD

Weaving Sunday's message through your week

9.17.17 Sermon: A Growing Community

**Passage:** Ephesians 4:13-16

**Series:** "VISION"

**Title:** "A Growing Community"

**Summary:** The biblical expectation of the Christian community is that it grows to maturity. This is the heart of the leadership of Clearwater Community Church, that we progressively become a mature community of faith whose standard is Jesus Christ. Join us this week as we study what it means for us to be a growing community.

**Outline:** Spiritual maturity is the biblical expectation of every follower of Jesus Christ.

I. *A growing community grows in:*

1. Unity of faith & knowledge of Jesus Christ (v. 13a)
2. Maturity (v. 13b)
3. Christ-likeness (v. 13b)

II. *Maturity leads to Stability* (vv. 14-15)

III. One of the primary means of spiritual growth is the consistent proclamation of truth to one another in love (vv. 15-16)

**APPLICATION POINTS:**

1. *Worship* with the gathered body of Christ
2. *Connect* with a smaller group of believers
3. *Serve* someplace with your gifts

NOTE: You will never love a church you don't serve.

**POINT:** The church matures as its members grow in unity of faith, their knowledge of Jesus Christ, and their service to one another. Every member has a measure of responsibility to contribute to the health of the local church.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Are you committed to the health of CCC?
2. Do you typically see maturity as a burden or a joy? Why?
3. How are you (or could you) contributing to the growth of CCC?

Are you a parasitic Christian (taking without serving)?

4. How are you connecting with other believers?
5. Where are you stunted spiritually? What is an area(s) where you need to mature?
6. Is there an area where you are prone to be unstable in your faith?

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