

“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority
Therefore, Build Up the Church: The Power of the Personal Invitation

Ephesians 4:16b
Acts 19 and 20
Pages 978 and 928 in the Chair Bible
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After clearly stating that the Lord Jesus causes the church to grow, Paul then says that it is the church which “builds itself up” (Eph. 4:16b). So which is it? Does Jesus cause First Bible Church to grow or do we cause it to grow? The answer is yes. Jesus causes First Bible Church to grow through the members of his church who are joyfully *gathering* on Sunday, *growing* in a community group, and *going* to people who are outside of the church. When the church shows up, grows up, and steps up, it will build itself up. There are two applications in your life for Gather–Grow–Go:

1. If you do these three things, you will become

_____.

2. If you help others do these three things, you will become

_____.

A quick review of Acts shows us how Paul modeled this in Ephesus.

1. Invite people you love to _____ with you
(Acts 19:10).

2. Invite people you love to _____ with you
(Acts 20:20).

3. Invite people you love to _____ with you
(Acts 19:22).