

“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority

“Therefore, Go: Step Up and Serve!”

Ephesians 4:16
The Lord’s Day Morning
Sanctity of Life Sunday
January 22, 2017

What is the mission of First Bible Church? Our mission is to glorify God by helping people know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ. *How* do we accomplish this mission? First Bible Church pursues a three-stage approach in helping people know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ:

Gather → Grow → Go → To know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ → To glorify God

In *gathering*, we show up on Sunday morning to publicly worship the Lord together. In *growing*, we grow up in community groups where we help each other live lives that please God. In *going*, we step up and serve our church by doing our part in the many facets of the work required to fulfill the Great Commission (Mt. 28:18–20).

In Ephesians 4:16, Paul summarizes the paragraph by reminding them that the church finds great strength in its *diversity*, as long as every member works in *unity*, to bring every member to *maturity*. Both Scripture and experience give us six magnificent benefits of the love-motivated work of going:

1. **S** _____ your knowledge of God’s Word (2 Tim. 2:15).
2. **T** _____ yourself to keep gathering and growing (Heb. 10:24,25).
3. **E** _____ your gift for spiritual fitness (Heb. 5:14).
4. **P** _____ heaven as God’s secondary cause (Mt. 28:18–20).
5. **U** _____ the peace and prosperity of our community (Eph. 2:17).
6. **P** _____ for your future judgment (2 Cor. 5:10).