

Current Series: Your Turn
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Group Reminders:

- Next Sunday is Easter: Invite friends via social media, ask, flyer to neighbors (see newsletter)
- Get Bread and juice/wine of some sort for taking communion at home next Sunday

Reflection Focus:

What end are you keeping in mind? The Apostle Paul invites us to focus on the outcome of using the gift of the Spirit and leaders to “equip us for works of service” that “build up the church”. To pursue “maturity” in Christ that is unified in faith, intimate knowledge of God, and love.

Passage: Ephesians 4:1-13 (NIV):

1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” 9 (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions[c]? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Supporting Sermon Points:

1. Pursuing maturity in Christ as “our end in mind” limits:
 - a. our options
 - b. our flexibility
2. Who you are becoming matters. Can’t give away what you don’t have.
3. 3 Myths about pastor’s roles often keep us from taking our turn as the ministers of our churches:
 - a. Myth 1: The Mentorship Myth
 - b. Myth 2: The Ministry Myth
 - c. Myth 3: The Maturity Myth
4. We are called to be a church that pursues maturity in “faith”, “knowledge of Christ”, and “love” to build up the church in unity.

Reflection Questions:

1. Do you remember a time you felt lost? What happened? How did it feel? How did you reorient to find your destination?

2. What “end in mind” are you focused on in this season? Be honest. What is of utmost importance? How does that interact with Paul’s invite to pursue “maturity that builds up the church?”
3. **(Ephesians 4:1-10)**: What ministry myth are you believing that is keeping you from “taking your turn” as a minister at ASC? In your daily life?
4. **(Ephesians 4:1-13)**: What is one way God is inviting you to mature? To grow up? Is it in faith? In knowledge of God? In “love”?
5. How can we pray for/help support you in “being the church” in response to your answers to the above questions? Feel free to email info@aseattlechurch.com