

Time for a Check-Up **Ephesians 4:11-16**

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1. Understanding God's Design

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2. Avoiding the Dangers

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Ephesians 4:14

3. Engage in a Healthy Lifestyle

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Purpose Love God and Love People

Mission Impact the City, Change the World,
Make Disciples, Multiply Churches

Vision Connect, Grow, Serve, Go

a. At Salem We Connect in Worship

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods."

1 Chronicles 16:23-25

b. At Salem We Grow in Groups

“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.” **2 Timothy 2:1-2**

c. At Salem We Serve on Teams

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace” **1 Peter 4:10**

d. At Salem We Go!

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

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“Jesus answered him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.’” **John 3:3**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” **John 3:16**

Sources and Further Reading Opportunities

- *The Bible Exposition Commentary* – Warren Wiersbe (1996)
- *ESV Study Bible* – Crossway (2008)
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- *Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible* – Matthew Henry (1981)