

Open It!

Share how God has used a mature believer in your life to help you grow as a follower of Jesus.

Read It!

Ephesians 4:1-16

Consider It!

What are the things that could potentially divide us?

What is our personal responsibility for maintaining unity in the church (4:1-3)?

What realities should serve as the basis of our unity (4:4-6)?

What is Christ's provision and plan for the growth of the body of Christ (4:7, 11-12)?

What gifted people have helped prepare you for ministry to others?

What outcomes does God have in mind for our ministry to each other (4:12-13)?

What does immaturity look like (4:14)? How are we susceptible to contemporary winds of doctrine, human cunning, or deceitful schemes?

What responsibility do we have for our personal maturity?

What responsibility do we have for helping others grow toward maturity in Christ?

Live It!

What does God require of you in protecting the unity of this church family?

How might God use you to serve another member of God's family this week? Watch for a divine opportunity.

Is there a step you need to take toward spiritual maturity? Who could help you take that next step?

Is there someone who needs to hear the truth spoken in love? Seek God to know what to say, how and when to say it.

Life Is Better Together

Growing Together

Ephesians 4:1-16

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Sermon Question

What is our responsibility for the growth of the church?

Preserve Unity

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1–6 (ESV)

Engage in Ministry

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4:7–12 (ESV)

Pursue Maturity

until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:13-16 (ESV)