

# “All For One and One For All”

# Ephesians 4:1-16

Get to know each other: *When you hear the word “church,” do you tend to think more about what you receive or how you contribute? Why?*

## LEARN

[Knowing God’s Truth: Scripture](#) (29:07) *Examine the nature of God’s word and work through the concepts of inspiration, authority, clarity, infallibility, and power—as well as what all of those ideas mean for Christians as they interact with Scripture.*

Supplemental books/workbooks can be purchased [here](#)

1. Read Ephesians 4:1-16. What from the passage and sermon impacted you most?
2. According to verses 11–16, how does Christ build and mature His Church?
  - a. Christ gives people as gifts to the church: apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers; Leaders exist to equip the saints, not replace them; Growth happens when each part is working properly, not when a few do everything

Video: [“How much church can I miss to serve?”](#) (11:14) by John Piper

## PRACTICE

1. In light of our shared calling, describe what it looks like to “walk in a manner worthy” of it? Share where you’ve seen someone in your group do this and how it has encouraged you.
  - a. Living with humility, gentleness, patience, and love is not optional - it’s calling-based; Unity is protected through bearing with one another, not avoiding one another; Peace is something we are eager to maintain, not passive about; “walking in a worthy manner” is a reflection of an attitude of grace, not trying to earn something or striving for approval
2. How does seeing your gifts as “Christ-bought” impact you? How does that reshape how you are serving?
  - a. Your gifting is not self-generated—it is purchased by Christ’s victory
  - b. Comparison and envy fade when gifts are seen as grace, not status
  - c. Withholding your gifts harms both you and the Body
  - d. Using your gifts is an act of faithful stewardship, not self-promotion

3. What can be some take-aways from this sermon for different seasons of life?
  - a. Singles: Your role matters now, not “someday.” God has gifted you for the Body’s good, not just personal growth
  - b. Married: Unity in marriage flows from shared submission to Christ; being reminded that the marriage covenant is meant to be a reflection of the relationship between Christ and the Church; Dying to yourself and serving together strengthens both your marriage and the church.
  - c. Parents: Modeling unity and service teaches children how the Body works; The church helps form mature disciples, not just moral kids
  - d. Empty-Nesters: Your experience and availability are vital for building others up; This season can be ripe for mentoring and deeper service

Video: “[Serve Where He Has Placed You](#)” (3:35) by Alistair Begg

4. What gift might you be neglecting or holding back? If nothing comes to mind, would you be open to others in the group speaking encouragement by naming a gift they see in you (especially one you may not recognize) and how it could be used to build up the church? Action item: As a group, set a reminder and follow up in a few weeks to see how God is using this and how we can continue to encourage one another?

## CHANGE

1. Pastor Tyler’s sermon from July 27th titled “From Consumerism to Contribution” resulted in a question being asked that week as follows: *“Where are you functioning as a contributing part of our church body? How are you contributing to building up others spiritually? If you’re at a stage where you don’t know how to build up others spiritually don’t be discouraged, everyone has a starting point. Discuss practical steps that you can take and others can help you with in order to grow toward maturity.”* As we look back to six months ago, what is different now?
  - a. Every part has a purpose and function; we’re not meant to sit on the sidelines; (1) Seek ways to serve and build up others spiritually—there are tons of practical serving roles on Sundays, but you could also co-lead or help host a small group, offer ordinary hospitality, initiate table fellowship and prayer, send encouragement of God’s word via text, take time to invest in those less mature in you and disciple them so they can disciple others; (2) Ask: (A.) “Where can I grow in spiritual maturity and Christ-likeness this week? (B.) “How can I help the body grow in love and truth this week?”