

A Grown Up Church

Ephesians 4:11-16

God wants us to be a grown up church

How do we answer this call?

1. _____ our _____

2. Take _____ for our _____

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: If you could wake up tomorrow morning having gained one quality or ability overnight, what would that be?

How did God speak to you or work in you at church this Sunday?

Read Ephesians 4:11-16. What are some of the ways Paul talks about the end or goal a church should be moving toward?

If maturity means being like Jesus, what are some of the qualities a mature church would exhibit? What would be increasingly true of us as we mature as a church?

According to these verses, what would be true of us if we did *not* grow to maturity?

If we did a really good job growing to look like Jesus, what kinds of reactions would we provoke in other believers and in unbelievers in our city?

Look at v. 11 and the five "gifts" mentioned there. In what ways did Jesus model each of those ministry roles?

How is it that a church grows to look like Jesus (vv. 12, 16)?

How confident are you that you know what your "part" or "work of service" is in the overall life and ministry of Risen King?

If it's true that each of the five "gifts" or offices in v. 11 represent a different area or kind of ministry in the church, which do you feel most drawn to?

- Which is least familiar to you?

How can we pray for one another?