

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 4:11-16 ESV

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, ¹³ 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. ¹⁵ 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.

Additional Readings:

1 Corinthians 12:4-27 ESV

1 Peter 4:8-11 ESV

Digging Questions:

1. According to our text why are there different roles for the church?
2. What according to the text is the goal of these roles?
3. What are the dangers when this doesn't happen?
4. Will this goal ever be complete? If so when and if not why?

Reflection Questions:

1. What are some jobs within the church, not just title or position?
2. What are your gifts and talents? What are you good at within the body of Christ?
3. How are you using those gifts and talents for the Lord?
4. What gets in the way of using your gifts and talents for the Lord?
5. How can you overcome the obstacles?