

TOGETHER

Together In Serving | Ephesians 4:7-16

1. If someone asked you why it is important for the church to be unified, what would you say?
2. Paul transitions from talking about unity (vv.1-6) to talking about diversity (vv.7-16). Diversity is an important part of unity. Share some examples of unity and some examples of diversity that you see in the church.
3. V 7-11. What do these verses tell us of God's generosity? How do we see God's grace at work in the giving of spiritual gifts? In what way does this impact our understanding that all believers have been uniquely gifted by Christ?
4. V12,15,16 Read together 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Romans 12:4-6 and discuss how the image of the body speaks of unity in diversity. What can we learn and apply when serving in the body of Christ from this metaphor?
5. In verse 13, Paul speaks of the goal of unity and maturity in the faith, attaining to the fullness of Christ. What are the three goals of Christian growth mentioned?
6. How do you understand the concept of spiritual maturity, and what practices or disciplines do you find helpful in growing towards this as an individual and together?
7. Why is it that so many Christians think of growth only as something that is necessary for young Christians? Reflect on your own desire to grow as a Christian? How does serving one another enable and encourage growth?
8. V2 & V15 Discuss the connection between growing spiritually and speaking the truth in love? How does the later enable the former? How difficult is it to speak the truth in love and how do we do this well?
9. Spend some time discussing and discovering what your spiritual gifts are. See Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4 and have a look at the list of spiritual gifts below. How and where you are, or could you be, serving in the life of CBC? Give thanks for the gift of each other, for the opportunity to serve one another and for Christ who is our head.

Administration | Apostleship | Craftsmanship | Discernment | Evangelism | Exhortation | Faith Giving | Healing | Helps | Hospitality | Intercession | Knowledge (word of) | Leadership | Mercy Miracles | Pastor/Shepherd | Prophecy | Service | Teaching | Tongues (& Interpretation) | Word of Wisdom | Other <https://spiritualgiftstest.com/spiritual-gifts/>



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

