

# Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for March 20, 2022

## Sermon Notes

### **God's Plan for the Whole Body to Make the Body Grow**

Ephesians 4:7-16 (pew Bible pgs. 977-978)

As Pastor Gerald shared previously, as we turn to chapter 4 in this Ephesian letter, there is a shift that takes place. We are moving from indicatives to imperatives, from the revealing of doctrinal truths to how these truths shape God's people, both individually and corporately. In this section of chapter 4, Paul lays out a beautiful objective for what God intends to cultivate within the church through the powerful work of his Spirit, but also through the multifaceted beauty of the redeemed individuals that make up his church. Paul reveals a progression for how this will take place, as well as certain roles for both church leaders and church members. God's design clearly employs ALL of his people in bringing the whole church to maturity in Christ, for his glory. This morning we will follow the progression revealed in this passage. We will also pay attention to the objectives that Paul lays out. The questions that should confront believers from this passage include: Do I share the same vision and desire for my own life and for the life of the church as God expresses through his Word? Where do I fit in this plan, and how do I pursue what God intends to do through me in this great work?

**The Progression: Equip → Work → Build (v. 11-12)**

**The Picture: We are to equip, work, and build UNTIL... (v. 13)**

**The Purpose: Both a Negative & a Positive (v. 14-16)**

## Weekly Discipleship Guide

### Know

**What does God intend for me to know?  
In your journal, use the following prompts to write  
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

### Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?  
In your journal, use the following questions to write  
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

### Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write  
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

How does this passage help you grasp the importance of pursuing spiritual maturity? How does this passage help us understand what that maturity looks like?

In what ways do you need to grow in attaining this vision for the church for yourself, for individual brothers and sisters in Christ, and for the church? What are some rival visions, or pictures, that can steal your heart's attention, and how can they hinder your pursuit of this vision?

How has the Spirit convicted you to respond to the message of this passage? What is one tangible step you are feeling led to take? How can your group pray for you in this?

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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