

Individualism is a mark of immaturity.
Loving community is a mark of maturity.

PULPIT CURRICULUM

HOW LOVING COMMUNITY IS BUILT

EPHESIANS 4:11-16

1. REVIEW

Which illustration from the message had the deepest impact on you? Why? _____

Read Ephesians 4:11-16. List all that happens when people equipped for ministry then do the work of ministry. What is at stake? What does this stir up within you? _____

What is the job of the pastors and directors of the church? What is the role of the people of the church? When could a non-vocational leader equip others for the work of ministry? _____

2. ASSESS

Use the points from the message to assess your own contribution to the building of a loving community:

- 1. If you're a ministry leader:** are you equipping others to do the work of ministry? *(If you're not a leader yet, are you seeking out additional equipping?)*
- 2. If you're a disciple:** are you maturing or stagnate?
- 3. If you're a believer:** are you standing in biblical doctrine or wavering?
- 4. If you attend the church:** are you promoting unity or division?

Choose 1-2 of the points above that need your immediate attention. Take a moment to reflect on why you assessed yourself the way you did. Come up with one cause for each point you identified. _____

3. APPLY

The church is depending on each person doing their part to build up the church in love. Take the 1-2 points you identified above as needing your attention and come up with a specific plan for growth. What can you do today... this week... this summer... to promote that growth? _____

This passage is vital to building our church in love. Before group ends, take 5-10 minutes and use Ephesians 4:11-16 as a guide for prayer for you, your group, and our church. _____

MY GROUP'S COMMITMENTS

SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

1. Leaders equip, not just do
2. Disciples mature, not stagnate
3. Believers stand, not waver
4. Church unifies, not divides

Additional notes & quotes: _____

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

READ Romans 12:4-5

What I learned (observation/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

DAY 2

READ 2 Corinthians 11:3

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 3

READ Galatians 4:19

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 4

READ 2 Corinthians 13:11

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 5

READ 2 Timothy 1:8

What I learned:

How I will respond:

To learn more about studying the Bible, look for the "Essentials of Growing in Christ" class starting soon at your campus.