



The Church at Its Best
Site Pastors
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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's challenging sermon, was there a particular point or passage that stood out for you?
2. Have you ever been on a great team? Share with the group your experiences on this "winning" team. Remember, it doesn't need to be a sports team; it could be work, church or family related. What was your role, how did you contribute?
3. **Read Ephesians Chapter 4:1-6** Pastor Brian told us that, "**Unity** is a defining characteristic of the body of Christ". What happens when a church lacks unity? List some ways that each member of the body can contribute to its unity?
4. **Read Ephesians Chapter 4:13-16.** Another defining characteristic of the body of Christ is **maturity**. Review the passage from Ephesians and discuss Paul's writing regarding one's need for maturity if the Church is to flourish. Discuss the attitude and actions that each church member must assume in order to mature.
5. The Big Idea on Sunday was: **The Church is at its best when each person fulfills their ministry**. What are Spiritual Gifts and how might these differ from other skills or talents that we might possess? Do you know your Spiritual gift(s)? How does Grace Church make it possible to learn about our giftedness?
6. In **verse 16**, Paul refers to...each part working properly. And, in Corinthians, Paul writes, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" Every part of the body has a specific role and purpose. Have you considered your purpose at Grace? How can you learn more about your role at Grace? 1. Take the Core Class and complete the SHAPE assessment. 2. Talk to a ministry leader or someone from the Site Pastor Team or the Connections Team. 3. Trial and error: Try out a ministry to see if it is a good fit. If it is not, try another.
7. Finally, the church is at its best when each person/part works properly. What does this mean? How can we ensure that, over time, we will grow into maturity in our ministry?

Application: Consider how you might encourage someone who is serving in the church- how do you see them using their gifts well? If you're not serving, prayerfully consider which ministry would be a good place to start! You can email nextsteps@whoisgrace.com to get started or stop by the Next Steps Center in the atrium on Sunday to find out more.

Prayer thought: *Lord, the church was your idea and we believe that you know how to build your church! Show us where we can serve in this local body of believers so that your Name is glorified and many more who are lost find Your saving grace.*