



Sermon Series: Ephesians: Together in Christ
Text: Ephesians 4:1-16
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Growing Together

**Big Idea: The church is not an event we attend,
but rather a body we are meant to grow together with.**

We grow together by _____ together. (vs. 1-6)

1. Unity is a beautiful reality God _____ through the gospel.
2. Unity is a difficulty reality God calls us to _____.
3. Being a part of the church is _____.

We grow together by _____ together. (vs. 7-12)

1. Everyone in the church is _____ by Jesus.

“We don’t just have God’s gifts. We are God’s gifts to his church. So, my church is not just there in order to bless me, as though I am a shopper filling my basket in the supermarket. The opposite is true: we’re all saved and given to our churches as gifts to bless others by serving them. We are not meant to be consumers but contributors.” -Richard Coekin

2. Everyone in the church is called to _____ in _____.
3. If you want to grow as a Christian, _____.

We grow together by _____ the _____ together. (vs. 13-16)

1. A Mature Christian is growing in being _____ and _____ by God’s Word.
2. We _____ God’s Word as we gather.
3. We speak God’s Word to one another in the _____ of our _____.

What are some of the things that prevent us from being more connected with and involved in the church?

In your own words, why would you say it’s important for us to gather together as a church?

What are some ways you have experienced the difficulty of being a part of the church?

How have you seen God work through relationships in the church to help you grow and mature as a Christian?



How have you seen God work in and through you have served in ministry?

How have you seen God use other people in the church to minister to you?

What are some the things that make it challenging for us to serve in ministry in the local church?

What difference do you think it makes when we gather asking, "How does God want to use me?" rather than asking "What am I going to get out of it?"

What are ways that you are seeking to be rooted and shaped by God's Word?

Can you think of ways God has used you to speak the truth of His word to other people? How did that happen?

Who is someone at Keystone that you or your family has benefited in receiving ministry from? Consider writing them a thank you note for the way that they serve the church.

Further Resources:

- [*Giving Your Children a Better Why: The Primary Purpose in Going to Church*](#)
- [*Why Is Christian Unity So Hard?*](#)
- [*Serving at Keystone – keystonechurch.org/volunteer*](#)