

God's Design for His People

Ephesians 4:1-16

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. What did the Holy Spirit teach you through this week's passage and message?
2. Read Ephesians 4:11-12. Discuss the various roles and sensibilities within the church (both of church leaders and each member of the church family). What are the implications of God's design for his people?
3. Read Ephesians 4:13. What is the goal God has for each member of his family? Now, read Ephesians 4:14. What are the hinderances to that goal? And what is at stake if we don't move towards maturity & completion in Christ?
4. Ephesians 4:15 is a remedy to stunted growth in Christ. What is this verse suggesting Jesus followers should put into practice in order to continue their growth in Christ? How might this play out within a church family? Do you have any personal examples? And, are you open to engaging in this type of loving growth in Christ alongside others? Discuss.

5. Read Ephesians 4:16. Discuss the result and implications of God's design for his people. Love is mentioned twice in Ephesians 4:15–16 (two verses that encourage Jesus' people to live out God's design for them). Why do you think love is such an important element in living out God's design?

Please Note: These questions are intended to serve as a platform for God's never-changing truths to come to bear on the current, real-time situations of our lives. The goal is *not* to answer each question. The goal is to follow Jesus with one another in the everyday stuff of life—as together we grow in Jesus, our love for one another, and his calling in our lives.