

Power & Love
Live Out God's Purpose – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – January 31, 2021
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Ephesians 4:15 (ESV) Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Ephesians 4:16 (ESV) from whom [Christ] the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Acts 20:35b (ESV) ... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

1. Pray for God's _____

Ephesians 1:16-17 (ESV) I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

Ephesians 1:18 (ESV) having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:19 (ESV) and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

2. Realize the _____ of the church

Ephesians 3:9 (ESV) and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,

Ephesians 3:10 (ESV) so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 3:11-12 (ESV) This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

3. Know the _____ of Christ

Ephesians 3:16 (ESV) that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Ephesians 3:17 (ESV) so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Ephesians 3:18-19 (ESV) may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Ephesians 1, 3)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. How does Ephesians 4:15 describe spiritual growth?

Intro. In what ways is the church essential for the spiritual growth of individual believers (Ephesians 4:16)?

Intro. Within a church family, which does Jesus say is more blessed, giving or receiving (Acts 20:35)? Why?

Intro. If a believer is not spiritually growing, what could be the possible causes?

1A. In what ways can Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:6-7 be an example for your prayers?

1B. Why do the eyes of our hearts need to be enlightened (Ephesians 1:18)?

1C. How can knowing God's great power is working on your behalf help you in your daily walk with the Lord (Ephesians 1:19)?

1D. When you pray for other Christians, what is the focus of your prayers? What should the focus be?

2A. What did Paul mean by his use of the word mystery in Ephesians 3:9?

2B. What is God's purpose for the church (Ephesians 3:10)?

2C. How do we have boldness and access to God in Christ (Ephesians 3:11-12)?

2D. How can we help those who think that the church is optional for believers?

3A. Why is it important to pray for yourself and others to be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 3:16)?

3B. What does it mean to be rooted and grounded in love (Ephesians 3:17)?

3C. In what ways can we grow in our knowledge of the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:18-19)?

3D. As we grow in Christ's love, what impact will that have in our lives?