

THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH Pt. 1 **(God’s Way, Not Man’s Way)**

- I. THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH — THE PERSON AND FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST (Matthew 16:13-18)**
- II. THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**
- III. THE NOURISHMENT OF THE CHURCH — VIA SOUND DOCTRINE**
- IV. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH — GOD’S WAY (Ephesians 4:7-16)**

A. The PRINCIPLES.

1. Church growth begins with _____ and God’s _____.
(4:7)
 - * Why must we remember this?

2. Church growth involves Jesus Christ giving _____ of His _____ to His Church. (4:8-11)
 - * Which ones are specifically mentioned?

3. Church growth requires that the gifted communicators of God’s truth concentrate on the _____ of the saints via sound doctrine. (4:12a)
 - * What does “equipping” mean?

 - * What do the saints need?

 - * Why is this needed?

 - * What is the primary role of the pastor-teacher?

4. Church growth necessitates that the equipped saints _____ the _____ of _____ (4:12b)

* Who is to do the work of the ministry?

* What is “ministry”?

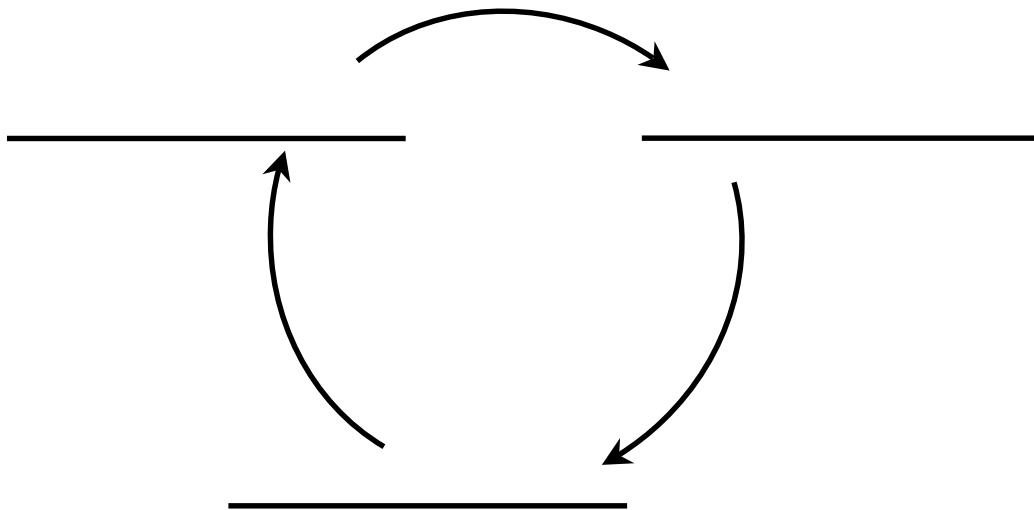
* Is the ministry “work”?

* What are the imbalances to this?

5. Church growth is to result in the church being built up qualitatively through _____ and normally quantitatively through _____. (4:12c)

* How does ministry to the saved show itself?

* How does ministry to the unsaved show itself?



* How long of a process does this involve?

* How does this apply to you?