

**Christ's Plan for the Church**  
**Ephesians 4:7-16**  
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**1. Christ has given a grace-gift to each member of His body (7-10)**

**2. Christ has given gifted leaders to His body (11)**

**3. Gifted leaders are to equip the saints for building up Christ's body (12)**

**4. Edification is to aim at the church's conformity to Christ (13-14)**

**5. Christ, the head, works through the members of His body so that the body builds itself up in love (15-16)**

*Next week: Ephesians 4:28-32*

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## Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. How was this worship service a special occasion?
3. What does this passage teach about Christ?
4. Who receives spiritual gifts? List some examples of spiritual gifts.
5. Verse 11 speaks of Christ giving “shepherds” to the church. What are the other biblical titles for these men?
6. In what ways should a church grow?
7. How does a person become a part of Christ’s church?

### *Going Deeper:*

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. What have you come to understand about the spiritual gift that Christ through His Spirit has given you?
3. What are the responsibilities of the church’s shepherds? How are they to fulfill these responsibilities?
4. How can we support our elders in the work the Lord has given them to do?
5. According to this passage, who is responsible to do “the work of ministry”? What is “the work of ministry?”
6. What is the goal of the church’s ministry?
7. Consider the teaching in this passage on the responsibility of church leaders and the responsibility of church members. How biblical have been your expectations of our elders, and your actual involvement in building up the body of Christ? Do you have a biblical balance between the two?
8. What place is love to have in the life of a church? How do you need to you grow in love for your brethren?
9. What is the number one way you should be affected by this sermon this week?