

Living in Grace

Growing Up – Ephesians 4:7-16

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Ephesians 4:15-16

Fill Up

*"But to each one of us **grace** has been given as Christ apportioned it."*

Ephesians 4:7

Christ came not just to _____ you but to _____ you.

How do we fuel up, fill up to grow in Christ?

1. Spend time with _____.
2. Spend time with _____.

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Work Out

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Here, the focus isn't so much on which spiritual gift you've been given as it is that *you've* _____ as a spiritual gift to the church.

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1. You have a _____ to play in God's family.
2. You will only find _____ as you use your gift.

To grow up, fuel up and work it out.

Living in Grace: Growing Up

Questions based on sermon from September 10, 2023
Ephesians 4:7-16

Getting to Know Me

1. If this is your first time gathering in your Growth Group or if you've got new faces, take some time to introduce yourselves and get to know one another a bit.
2. When you were a child, what did you dream about doing as an adult? Have you done it?
3. Who is your favorite athlete? What do you admire about him or her?

Digging Deeper

1. Last week, Pastor Phil encouraged us to ask ourselves, "What does love require of me?" Did you do this in trying situations this past week? How did that work for you? This week, Pastor Phil spoke of our need to grow and mature in Christ. What does a mature believer look like to you?
2. What new insight or question grabbed you from Pastor Phil's sermon this past Sunday?
3. How is fueling on God's Word a key part of this domino effect leading to maturity and unity?
4. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. Why did God give each of His followers different jobs/ministries? Give at least 3 reasons from these verses.

5. Read I Corinthians 12:4-31. What stands out to you as you read/listen to this passage? The passage that follows (I Corinthians 13) is known as the love chapter. What do you think is the connection between using our gifts and loving others?
6. God has gifted each one of us. How can you discover how He has gifted you? How can God use the gifts God's given you to *be a gift* and build others up in the faith or to serve His church?
7. We are all created to be disciples who make disciples. Share about someone who has poured into your life. Who can you pour into?

Where Do I Go from Here?

Take a personal inventory.

- What habits are you practicing to help you grow in the grace, knowledge, and the likeness of Jesus?
- Who is discipling you or helping you to grow?
- How do you think your Growth Group will help you grow?
- How can you serve this group, your church, and your community to help them grow closer to Jesus?

What are your spiritual gifts? How do you use them? How can you use them in the future?

Prayer

God, help us become your body, joined together, growing, and building itself up in love, as each part does its work (Eph. 4: 16).

Lord, use me to help others grow closer to you. Amen.

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3. You have a unique role to play in God's family.
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