

**The Church: Growing Together for God's Glory** (Ephesians 4:7-13)

*...to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...*  
(4:12)

We have been learning so far in the book of Ephesians that God has been building for Himself a holy temple comprised of the body of Christ. For this purpose, He reconciled a people to Himself (Chapter 1), reconciled us to each other (Chapter 2) and has revealed His plan, in today's passage (Chapter 4:7-13), for how He is empowering us to grow together for His glory!

**I. So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers...** (4:11)

**II. To prepare His people for works of service...** (4:12a)

**III. So that the body of Christ may be built up...** (4:12b)

**IV. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature...** (4:13)

**Questions for Reflection:**

1. Has God given me leadership opportunities within which I can help others to grow in their understanding of God's Word?
2. What are spiritual gifts that I have been given for ministering to others within the Body of Christ?



## Personal Study Notes

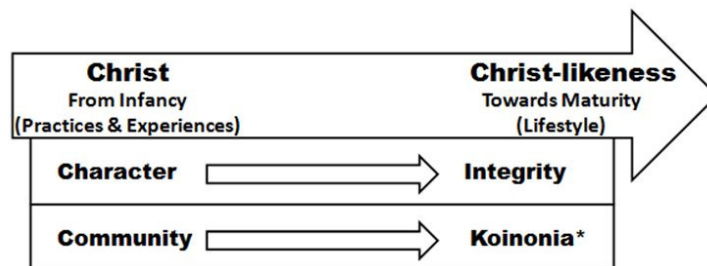
### Ephesians 4:7-13

<sup>11</sup> And He personally gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.

### *Ephesians 4:7-13*

The Different Gifts (4:7-10)

The Gifts for the Edification of the Church (4:11ff)



Questions or Insights for Discussion:

- 1)
- 2)

