

Redefining Church

Week 3: The Work of Ministry

Main Idea: God equips His Church to perform the work of ministry and to be a body that builds itself up in love through the continued growth and unity of faith of its members.

Goals for the evening:

- Develop a better understanding of what the Church is and how we should relate to and engage with it as believers
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Introduction

- Do you see yourself as an important part of the work God wants to do through His Church? Why or why not?

Have someone read Ephesians 4:11-16

- Why do you think such a heavy emphasis is placed on building up the body of Christ (v. 12)? Do you typically have this mindset when you gather together?
- What has growing in spiritual maturity looked like for you? How are you encouraging others in their own spiritual growth? (v. 13)
- How does a lack of spiritual maturity lead to being “tossed to and fro by the waves” (v. 14)? What are some ways you’ve experienced this in high school?
- Why is it necessary that we actively speak truth in love and hold one another accountable (v. 15)?
- How are you/how can you serve your church/ministry so that the body “builds itself up in love” (v. 16)?

Candid Conversation

- How has the church equipped you for the work of ministry? Where do you still need help or guidance?
- How has this series impacted or changed the way you view or think about the Church?

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9-10)