

God's Vision for Church Life (Part Two)

Ephesians 4:7-16 – Pastor Nick Thompson

I. That our life together be operating by Christ's gifts (v. 7-10).

II. That our life together be submitting to Christ's word (v. 11-14).

III. That our life together be striving after Christ's perfection (vv. 13, 15-16).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Does the church's unity mean there are no differences among her members?
2. Who is the One that gifts different gifts to the church? Where is He now?
3. Why does Paul focus on word-centered gifts like apostles and pastors in v. 11? How does the preaching of the word enable us to use our gifts in service of the church?
4. What is the end goal of God's vision for the church?
5. What are some ways we can fail to reach that vision (the four cancers in the body)?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. In what way(s) has Christ particularly gifted me to serve His church?
2. Am I actively using my gifts to serve my local congregation? If not, what is the reason? If so, what are my motives in doing so?
3. Do I have a vision for where Cornerstone should be going? Or am I aimlessly engaging in church life with little sense of direction and purpose?
4. Does God's vision of complete maturity in Christ resonate with me in the depths of my soul? Do I desire this in my life and church?