



Josiah Smith - Compass Bible Church - October 1st, 2023

1. Embrace _____
(vv. 11-13)

Ephesians 4:11-16 (ESV)

11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

2. Be _____
(v. 14)

3. Strive _____
(vv. 15-16)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Ephesians 4:11-13.** What role do you or should you play in accomplishing the task of “building up” the body of Christ? In other words, how can you contribute to this community in a way that helps others attain “to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”?
- 2.** What are some common barriers to growth in a local church context? How can you work through those barriers?
- 3. Read Ephesians 4:14.** Paul makes it clear that there are spiritual consequences when you choose to skip out on God’s design for the local church. Discuss the consequences Paul lists in verse 14. What consequences have you personally observed when believers neglect to prioritize the body of Christ?
- 4. Read Ephesians 4:15-16.** Paul lists four key components of a biblical church community: love, submission (to Christ, our head), unity, and proper participation. Of these four qualities, which do you feel Compass Bible Church is strongest in? What are the opportunities for growth at Compass Bible church and how can you work to address them?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for next weekend’s Rooted Retreat and for our young men and women to love the church!

Pray for the people of Compass Bible Church to embrace God’s design for church-driven growth and to properly prioritize the church.

Pray for the people of Compass Bible Church to grow in pursuing love, submission, unity, and proper participation in this local body.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
10/2	Psalms 119:1-40	1 Timothy 2
10/3	Psalms 119:41-88	1 Timothy 3
10/4	Psalms 119:89-128	1 Timothy 4
10/5	Psalms 119:129-176	1 Timothy 5
10/6	Psalms 120-126	1 Timothy 6
10/7	Psalms 127-134	2 Timothy 1