



# **GROWING – In Spiritual Maturity**

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This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

## **Connect:**

1. What gifts has Jesus given to the church?
2. Read and discuss Ephesians 4:11-12
3. What gifts has God given you to use for His kingdom?
4. What is the purpose of being “equipped” with these ministry gifts?

## **Engage:**

5. How does God call us?
  - God firstly draws us to Himself FROM a set of circumstances, FROM a life without Him into a life with Him, FROM a lack of understanding to having understanding, FROM darkness to light
  - God develops us THROUGH
6. Are you allowing God to develop you?
7. Are you being cooperative in the process of God developing you?
  - God directs us TOWARDS
8. Do you trust God as He directs you? (Read John 10:27)

**“When God demands more of you, it’s because He sees more in you.”**

Steven Furtick

## **Framework:**

9. Read Ephesians 4:13, then discuss using the questions below:
10. What is maturity in the Lord?
11. What does unity in our faith look like in practise?
  - Unity in our faith = finding agreement + working with each other
  - Knowledge of Jesus = do we know Him like a best friend?

12. Read Ephesians 4:4-15, then discuss using the question below:  
13. What does 'growing like Christ' imply for us?

**"Let truth speak through actions, and love shape our reactions."**

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**"A divided world needs a united church."**

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**He (Jesus) makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.**

Ephesians 4: 14-15 (NLT)

14. Are people healthy and growing because of me?

### **Prayer:**

*Father thank you for giving us your son Jesus Christ. Thank you for giving everything for us. Thank you for reminding me today as I read Ephesians that you are drawing me to yourself, that you are equipping me and building your church that we may grow in every way like you, because we are putting our faith into action. In Jesus Name Amen*