

“Do Your Job” - Ephesians 4:11-16 Discussion Questions

1. This passage - and Rob’s sermon - is all about the church, and how the church must function to be as effective as possible. In what ways do you think the church (our church, the church in general) is more or less effective now than it was 25 years ago? What do you think has changed?
2. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. What are the phrases or words that describe a fully functioning, healthy, mature church? Try to summarize, in your own words, Paul’s description of a mature ‘body’ of Christ.
3. What are the words that describe the responsibilities of the church attenders/members/adherents (non-clergy)? What might that mean for you?
4. What are the words or phrases that describe the responsibilities of the pastor/teachers (and apostles, prophets, evangelists) to ensure the church is fully mature? How does or should Ben and Rob accomplish that?
5. Comment on Rob’s summary of this passage, “The pastor’s job is to equip church members/adherents to do their job so that the church can do its job.”
6. Rob shared how he believes the way he fulfills his role as a pastor has changed from when his father was pastoring. If you were there, share one thing that stood out to you from that. If not, share how you think pastoring has changed (for good or ill). Feel free to discuss and disagree.
7. Share any other questions or insights from this passage, or from Rob’s sermon.
8. What is your biggest take-away from this passage? What do you think your part might be in building up the body of Christ?
9. Pray for each other, and our church staff, along the lines of Ephesians 4.