

**BASIC CHURCH – PART II**  
**“Becoming a Mature Disciple of Christ”**  
**Ephesians 4:11-16**

Any teaching on the basics of the church must include this passage. Ephesians is about the local church. It points out what church ministry should accomplish; namely that people grow into mature disciples of Christ. God intends for gatherings of believers to grow and become solid Christians. This passage gives us insights into how that happens.

**1. CHRIST GIVES \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE CHURCH, v. 11**

- A. The apostle: one who is sent
- B. The prophet: one who edifies, 1 Cor 14:3
- C. The evangelist: presenting the gospel
- D. The pastor: caring for God people
- E. The teacher: imparting sound doctrine

**2. CHRIST GIVES GIFTED PEOPLE TO THE CHURCH TO \_\_\_\_\_ HIS DISCIPLES TO \_\_\_\_\_ v. 12**

- A. They train God’s people in developing ministry skills
- B. They facilitate God’s people finding a place of service
- C. They help people develop their spiritual gifts

**3. CHRIST GIVES GIFTED PEOPLE TO THE CHURCH TO BUILD IT INTO A \_\_\_\_\_ BODY, vv. 12-13**

- A. The church is the body of Christ (body metaphor)
- B. The church is a building under construction (building metaphor)
- C. The church becomes mature by reaching unity in the faith
- D. The church matures by the knowledge of the Son of God
- E. The church matures by coming into the fullness of Christ

**4. CHRIST DESIRES US TO GROW OUT OF SPIRITUAL \_\_\_\_\_, v. 14**

- A. The new believer is a spiritual infant
- B. The infant is tossed by waves & wind of trendy teaching
- C. The infant is susceptible to false teaching that is appealing to the sinful nature
- D. The infant is susceptible to cunning & crafty schemes of false teachers

**5. CHRIST IS THE SOURCE OF \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE CHURCH, vv. 15-16**

- A. The mature believer lives a life of love
- B. The church grows under the headship of Christ
- C. The church is held together & empowered by Christ
- D. The church grows as everybody shows love to one another
- E. The church grows as each part serves

**NOTES:**

ANSWERS: Gifted People, Equip, Serve, Mature, Infancy, Life, Power.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. For what reason(s) does the Lord give gifted people to the church? Discuss each of the five gifted people.
2. What does it mean to be equipped for ministry?
3. When it comes to doing ministry and serving in the church, should there be a distinction between the clergy and the laity?
4. What is the difference between the priesthood of all believers and the ministry of all believers?
6. In what ways do you serve in the church?
7. Describe the characteristics of a mature believer?
8. Describe the characteristics of an immature believer?
9. What are the implications of Christ being the head of the body?
10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

# *Welcome to Hillcrest Church*

*Love, Acceptance, Forgiveness!*

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

*Acts 1:8*

*March 19, 2023*

*Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

Thank you for visiting us this morning. We hope you have a blessed time of worship.

### **TODAY**

Pastor Bruce will be continuing his series "Basic Church." His message this morning focuses on the purpose of all church ministry, which is to build the body of Christ into a mature groups of believers.

### **NEXT WEEK**

Pastor Bruce will be continuing his series Basic Church.

### **ONLINE GATHERINGS**

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm with Pastor Tim Brooks

Session 6, Wednesday at 6:30 – 7:45pm: "Telling the Jesus Story Well" training with Pastor Bruce, Paul and Pat Milton. Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access the gathering.

### **PROJECT "WINDOW 23"**

Thus far \$1,850 has been donated to pay for the \$5,000 window project. Make sure you write building fund in the memo of your check or envelop if you contribute to this project. Thank you!

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)).

### **APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> – SATURDAY SPRING CLEANING**

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9 – noon. Coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided.

### **APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> – PALM SUNDAY**

After the service help prepare the Easter egg hunt for the children. Snacks and beverages will be provided

### **GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTIONS – APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 6PM**

### **EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Who can you invite to the service?

### **EAST INDIAN DINNER – SATURDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 5:30PM**

Join the Hillcrest family for our annual East Indian Dinner, which features authentic East Indian food that is delicious! The purpose of the dinner is to raise money for the Kibaale Community school in Uganda and the Great Commission Fund.

### **CHURCH IN THE PARK – JUNE**

### **PROJECT ROOF 23**

Hillcrest church needs a new roof! The cost is between 50K – 60K depending on how much dry rot is discovered once the shingles are removed. We don't have the money to pay for this. We are looking into securing a low interest loan from the district. Be praying that God would make a way for us to pay for this and how you might contribute to this project.