



Becoming Like Christ

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV) *Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*

¹¹ *And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

What we need to know:

1. Community is _____

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV) *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...*

2. Unity is _____

Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV) *...to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

3. Maturity is _____

Ephesians 4:14-16 (NIV) *Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.*

¹⁶ *From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

What we need to do:

Romans 8:29a (NLT) *For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, ...*

1. _____ **God**

2. _____ **God**

3. _____ **with others**

LifeGroup Study

Stepping In: Getting things started!

1. It's Thanksgiving week! Take a few moments as you begin this study to share some things you're thankful for.
2. What are some things you are specifically thankful for concerning *Community*?

Building Up: What is God Saying?

1. Read **Ephesians 4:11-16**.
2. Pick the one verse that speaks most clearly to you today and write it out below: (share with the group which verse you chose.)
3. (**Ephesians 4:11-12**) What is the importance of us realizing that the Church is God's idea ("It was He...")? Why do we need to keep coming back to this truth?

4. (**Ephesians 4:12-13**) If unity is God's plan, what needs to happen in our lives so that we work toward that unity? Another way to think about this is from the other side...what keeps us from unity?
5. (**Ephesians 4:14-16**) Truly committed followers are what Jesus is looking for. Look at the "WHAT WE NEED TO DO" section of the message notes. Share with the group one of those things you've done and how it has helped you grow.

Living Out – How do I obey?

1. What is one thing I know I could be doing to grow closer to Jesus and become more like Him?
2. Go back to your opening questions and spend some time in prayer THANKING God for what He has been doing in your life.