

**“What Should the Church Do Now?”  
(Ephesians 4:13-16)**

As we go through the present challenge, Christ’s desire for His Church has not changed. Throughout history the Church has endured persecutions, famines, pandemics, wars, natural disasters and many other trials. In any time or place since the church was established on earth, Jesus desires to see local bodies of believers who are faithfully demonstrating and pursuing. . .

**I. Maturity (13)**

*Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

**II. Stability (14)**

*That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

**III. Integrity (15)**

*But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

**IV. Productivity (16)**

*From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

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**Small Group/Family Discussion Guide**

**Icebreaker:** Who is someone in our Cornerstone church family that you admire and look up to?

**Discussion Questions**

1. What does a person or a church “look like” that is becoming more like Jesus? (What are some characteristics that will be seen?)
2. Why is unity so important in a church family? What is something you can do to help promote unity in our church?
3. Why is it so important for each person to know and understand basic Bible doctrines and why they believe them? (Eph 4:14)
4. How can we “speak the truth in love” with our family members? With our church family? With lost people?
5. What part do you think God wants YOU to have in helping to build up our church body in love? (Eph 4:16)

**Small Group/Family Prayer Time**

Before prayer, each person share one positive trait about the person to their immediate right. Give thanks for that person as you begin your prayer.

**Digging Deeper**

Let’s go back through the foundational passage of Eph 4:13-16 this week.

Mon. – Write out Eph 4:13 in your own words

Consider 1 Cor 1:10; Rom 8:29 and Gal 4:19

Tue. – Write out Eph 4:14 in your own words

Consider 1 Cor 3:1; 2 Tim 2:15; Gal 1:8 and Eph 6:11

Wed. – Write out Eph 4:15 in your own words

Consider Eph 4:2, 25, 29; Jn 8:32 and 17:17

Thu. – Write out Eph 4:16 in your own words

Consider Eph 2:21; Col 2:19; Rom 14:19 and 1 Cor 14:12

Fri-Sat – Identify a step you can take to grow in each of the 4 areas of Maturity (13), Stability (14), Integrity (15) and Productivity (16)