



Listening Guide
Sunday, November 24, 2019
Grateful for the Church
Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

Ephesians 4:7 - But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Ephesians 4:11-16 - And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

1. The local church is _____ . (11-12)

2. The local church is _____ . (11-13)

3. The local church is _____ . (15-16)



Application Guide
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Home Group/Study Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the truths we are learning.

Large Group

1. Was there any passage of scripture or statement in the message today that was particularly meaningful or applicable to you?

Small Group

2. Read **1 Chronicles 16:34**. As we enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday this week, remember to express your thankfulness to God. Mention (or list) several things you are thankful for, and tell God "thank you" for them one by one.
3. Read **Romans 15:19-21**. Paul, the great apostle and evangelist, considered his ministry in an area fulfilled when churches had been planted, not when every person had been reached. Why? What is the role of the local church in evangelism?
4. Read **Ephesians 4:22-25**. Paul is still speaking to the local church in this passage. How is the command to grow (put off, put on, v. 22, 24) connected to relationships (members one of another, v. 25)? How does being a part of a local church, made up of very different people, help you to grow in Christ?