



**July 6, 2025**

**United - Ephesians 4:12-16 Maturity**

**SUMMARY:** In this sermon, we explored Ephesians 4:12-16 and the central theme of maturity within the church. We began by asking why unity, diversity, and theology matter, and discovered that the answer is maturity—growing up together as the body of Christ. Maturity is not just about personal growth but about being equipped, building up others, and engaging in the real “game” of faith outside the church walls. We discussed the importance of being knowledgeable about Jesus, developing stability in our faith, and ensuring that every member is both connected and contributing. The ultimate goal is a church where each person finds their place, serves with purpose, and grows together into the fullness of Christ.

**SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 4:12-16; Matthew 16:13-20; Isaiah 9:6; Luke 5:38; Matthew 20:28

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. The sermon said church is like “half-time”—a place to get equipped, encouraged, and then sent back out to play the real “game” in the world. How do you usually view church gatherings? Is there a way you could shift your mindset to see them more as preparation for ministry outside these walls?
2. The pastor shared a story about a doctor prescribing church to a patient. Who in your life might need the hope and community that church offers? What’s one step you could take to invite or encourage them this week?
3. The sermon emphasized that knowledge of Jesus is central to growth. How would you answer the question, “Who do you say Jesus is?” Is there an area of Jesus’ life or teaching you want to learn more about right now?
4. Have you ever gone through a season of doubt or instability in your faith? Looking back, what helped you move toward greater stability? Is there someone you know who is wrestling with doubts that you could encourage?
5. Are you more likely to serve without feeling connected, or to be connected without really contributing? What’s one practical step you could take this month to grow in the area you’re lacking?
6. The sermon said, “Self-centeredness destroys joy; serving brings life.” In what area of your life (marriage, parenting, work, church) do you tend to ask, “What’s in it for me?” How could you intentionally choose to serve instead this week?
7. The pastor talked about “finding your lane” in the body of Christ. Do you feel like you’ve found your place to serve and belong? If not, what’s one thing you could try to discover your unique role?