

Growing Up Together

House to House #2 – Pastor Gary Combs – August 25, 2019– Ephesians 4:11-16

Acts 5:42 (ESV) And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (ESV) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until 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, ¹⁴ so 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, ¹⁶ from 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.

How to grow up together as the body of Christ:

1. Grow up together in _____.

Ephesians 4:4-6, 2 Peter 3:18

2. Grow up together in _____.

1 John 3:2, Romans 8:28-29, 1 Corinthians 11:1

3. Grow up together in _____.

Proverbs 15:1-2, 2 Timothy 2:24-25

My life-changing moment in Community Group:

"I felt useful for God's purposes again. A long time I went without serving a purpose. When I first started attending a Community Group, I just tried to participate in discussion. Then, I assisted with shepherding. When asked to host a group and raise up others, I felt like I was being used in a role God meant for me." — James Cappelletti

"Starting in a Community Group a few years ago, I began to learn what it means to do life together week after week. I've been challenged, held accountable, encouraged, and grown closer to God as a result. I've learned how to be there for others and live life together in community." — Joy Aldrich