

The **CHANGE** you need.

We all need to change. Whether it's starting to exercise, stopping a destructive habit, or changing an attitude, making changes can seem impossible. But with God change is possible. In this series, we 'll talk about what needs to happen in order for us to change and become the people God calls us to be.

1. How do we change and become the people God calls us to be? So far in this series we've looked at Ephesians 4:1-10. What two truths are found in these verses about how we change?
2. In order to understand the process for change read Ephesians 4:11-16. What are the 4 gifted ministers listed in v.11 that God gives to the church? Can you explain how each handles the word of God about Jesus?
3. According to v.12 what is the job of these gifted ministers in the church? What is the job of the equipped body? What is the goal of both (v.13)?
4. These verses teach us that **God gives the church gifted ministers of the word so that we grow together to maturity in Christ.** Based on this, what would you tell someone who wants to grow and become more mature in Jesus Christ to do?
5. Growing together to maturity is not easy. Looking at v.14 what are the three forces that pull us toward spiritual immaturity? Can you give any examples of this?
6. According to vv.15 what is necessary in order to combat these forces? What does this look like in community?
7. Have you had a time when someone spoke the truth in love to you? Are you willing as part of this community to speak the truth in love to others when you see wrong thinking or sinful actions? Are you willing to allow others to speak the truth in love to you? Why is it important to balance truth and love?
8. Spend time asking God to make us a people who come ready each week to be equipped by the ministers of the word, who do the work of ministry to build up the body so we all reach maturity in Christ. Pray too that we will all be willing to speak the truth in love to combat the lies and deception of our Enemy and the culture around us.