



Christ Builds His Church Through Every Faithful Member



SESSION AIM

Help teachers and group leaders explain how Christ equips His church, why every believer participates in ministry, and how the body grows through shared service under Christ.



BIG IDEA

Christ does not build His church through passive spectators. He equips His people through faithful teaching, shared ministry, spiritual gifts, service, encouragement, and covenant participation so that the whole body grows together in truth and love.



WHAT THIS SESSION BUILDS UPON

From Leader Sheets 1–5:

- The church is gathered by Christ.
- Christianity is covenant life together.
- Worship forms believers.
- The church bears Kingdom witness.

This Session Expands:

- Every member ministry.
- Spiritual gifts and service.
- Shared responsibility within the body.
- Equipping and maturity together.



FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES

- Ephesians 4:11–16
- 1 Corinthians 12
- Romans 12:3–8
- 1 Peter 4:10–11
- Galatians 6:2



PRINCIPLE

Christ does not build His church through spectators, but through every faithful member using their gifts in love to strengthen the body.



RECOMMENDED VISUALS

- Gifts and Shared Ministry
- One Another Commands
- The Gathered Church
- Shepherds and Servants
- Worship → Formation → Mission



NEXT STEPS

- Continue with RC2 Leader Sheet 7.
- Review the Gifts and Ministry visual.
- Discuss practical ways to discover, develop, and deploy gifts.
- Encourage participation in one another ministry this week.

TEACHING FLOW: HOW TO USE THIS SHEET

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BEGIN WITH EPHESIANS 4

- Christ gives leaders to equip the saints.
- Ministry belongs to the body.
- The church grows through shared participation.

USE THIS:

- Articles
- Key Passages
- Ephesians 4
- Visual



KEY EMPHASIS: Leaders equip. The saints minister.

2



TEACH THE BODY IMAGERY

- Many members, one body.
- Diversity within unity.
- Interconnected life.

USE THIS:

- Gifts and Shared Ministry
- Visual



KEY EMPHASIS: Every member matters.

3



SHOW HOW GIFTS BUILD THE BODY

- Encouragement, teaching, mercy, service, hospitality, giving, helps, leadership, prayer.
- Gifts exist to strengthen others, not elevate self.

USE THIS:

- Articles
- Gifts List
- Examples



KEY EMPHASIS: Gifts are for edification.

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ADDRESS PASSIVE CHRISTIANITY

- Spectatorship and consumer Christianity.
- Celebrity culture.
- Over-professionalized ministry.
- The church is participatory covenant life.

USE THIS:

- Discussion Starters
- Examples



KEY EMPHASIS: The body grows through mutual ministry.

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CONNECT MINISTRY TO LOVE AND MATURITY

- Ministry produces maturity.
- Unity, truth, and service build the body.
- We grow together into Christlikeness.
- See Ephesians 4:15–16.

USE THIS:

- Ephesians 4
- Visual
- Notes



KEY EMPHASIS: Christ forms a mature people together.

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APPLY PRACTICALLY

- Encourage participation in ministry.
- Use gifts to serve others.
- Practice hospitality and discipleship.
- Live in one another ministry.

USE THIS:

- Application Ideas
- Handouts



KEY EMPHASIS: Serve in love. Grow in grace. Strengthen the body.



KEY EMPHASES



CHRIST EQUIPS HIS CHURCH
Everything flows from Him.



EVERY BELIEVER PARTICIPATES
The church is not built by spectators.



GIFTS EXIST FOR THE BODY
Spiritual gifts are given to strengthen others.



LEADERS EQUIP THE SAINTS
Leadership prepares the body for ministry.



LOVE AND TRUTH PRODUCE MATURITY
The church grows together under Christ.



COMMON CONFUSIONS

- ✗ **"Ministry belongs mainly to pastors."**
Ephesians 4 teaches that leaders equip the saints for ministry.
- ✗ **"Some believers are unnecessary."**
Every member contributes to the body.
- ✗ **"Spiritual gifts exist for self-expression."**
Gifts exist for edification and service.
- ✗ **"Church is mainly attending services."**
The church is participatory covenant life.
- ✗ **"Only visible ministry matters."**
Scripture honors both public and quiet service.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Why does Ephesians 4 connect leadership with equipping the saints?
- 2 What happens when churches become spectator-oriented?
- 3 Why does Scripture compare the church to a body?
- 4 How do spiritual gifts strengthen the church?
- 5 What are practical ways believers can participate in ministry?
- 6 Why are humility and love essential for shared ministry?



APPLICATION FOCUS

- ✓ Serve actively within the church body.
- ✓ Encourage another believer intentionally.
- ✓ Use gifts to strengthen others.
- ✓ Participate rather than spectate.
- ✓ Pursue humility and servant-heartedness.



PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for faithful servant-hearted ministry.
- Pray for wisdom in using spiritual gifts.
- Pray for unity within the body.
- Pray for maturity and growth.
- Pray for Christ to strengthen His church together.



CHRIST BUILDS HIS CHURCH
THROUGH TRUTH, LOVE, SERVICE,
AND EVERY FAITHFUL MEMBER OF HIS BODY.
ONE LORD. ONE KINGDOM. ONE PEOPLE.

