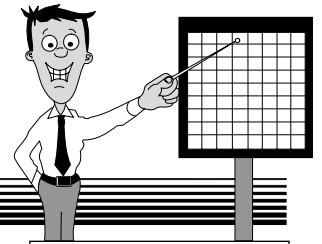


Expanding Your Ministry ^{part 1}

Why You Need the Next Three Sermons



1. Expect _____

2. See _____

3. Realize _____

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

1. What are some of the familiar reasons people give for the growth and good health of a church?

How does the truth of Ephesians 4:16 and 1 Corinthians 12:21-25 contrast with conventional wisdom about the growth and good health of a church?

2. In light of Ephesians 4:11b-12, what are some of the specific misplaced expectations and demands people sometimes place on their pastors?

How does understanding the "coaching role" of your pastoral staff help you to relate to them and pray for them?

3. What "position" do you play on the team at PCC? How would you define *your* role?

4. Ephesians 4:16 affirms that every position on the church team is critically important. In what way do you see your role helping to accomplish the objectives of Ephesians 4:13-15?

Why is it so important to remember the essential nature of your role in the church?

Though a large church can sometimes make people think that their role is *less important*, in what way do you see your role in the church as *even more needed* as the church grows?

5. How does your role need to be adjusted or expanded?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Ex.35-36 & Mk.14

Monday

Ex.37-38 & Mk.15

Tuesday

Ex.39-40 & Mk.16

Wednesday

Lev.1-2 & Prov.1

Thursday

Lev.3-4 & Prov.2

Friday

Lev.5-6 & Prov.3

Saturday

Lev.7-8 & Prov.4