



April 10, 2016  
Elevation | 11:00 am  
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## **Gifted to Build** Ephesians 4:7-16

### **Jesus, the Gift Giver.** Ephesians 4:7-10

*"But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift." (v.7)*

- Every believer in Jesus receives a gift. Ephesians 4:7
- The tremendous cost Jesus paid for our gifts. Ephesians 4:8-10
  - Psalm 68
  - Philippians 2:5-11

### **Jesus Gifts Us with Leaders to Build His Church.** Ephesians 4:11-12

*"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers.."*  
(v.11)

- Apostles and Prophets. Ephesians 4:11a
- Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. Ephesians 4:11b
- Church leadership is designed to build up others. Ephesians 4:12

### **Jesus Gifts You with an Important Role to Play in Building His Church.** Ephesians 4:13-16

*"from whom the whole body being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." (v. 16)*

- We are built up to be united. Ephesians 4:13
- We are grounded in what we believe. Ephesians 4:13-14
- We speak the truth in love. Ephesians 4:15
- We help restore and build up one another in love. Ephesians 4:16

## Digging Deeper:

The New Testament lists spiritual gifts in a variety of places. Read the selected passages below and reflect on what your spiritual gifts may be and how you can use them to build the church.

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Exhortation	Administration	Apostle	Celibacy - 1 Corinthians 7:7-8
Giving	Apostle	Prophecy	Hospitality - 1 Peter 4:9-10
Leadership	Discernment	Teacher	Martyrdom - 1 Corinthians 13:3
Mercy	Faith	Shepherd/Pastor	Voluntary Poverty - 1 Corinthians 13:3
Prophecy	Healings		
Service	Helps		
Teaching	Knowledge		
	Miracles		
	Prophecy		
	Teaching		
	Tongues		
	Interpretation of Tongues		
	Wisdom		

## LifeGroup Discussion:

1. **Read Ephesians 4:7-10 out loud together.** Jesus paid a tremendous cost to give us the gift of salvation, grace and distribute to us spiritual gifts. How does recognizing the cost Jesus paid motivate you to use the gifts He gave you?
2. **Read Ephesians 4:11-12 out loud together.** Jesus has given the Church the gift of leaders. What is their primary role? How can you support and encourage your leaders here at Calvary in the fulfillment of this role?
3. **Read Ephesians 4:13-16 out loud together.** Have you ever experienced the divide that can exist in churches where the ministry is only done by a few people? What did that feel like? According to Ephesians 4:13-16, what are some of the results of every believer using and exercising their gifts in the church? Talk through ideas of how you can use your God-given gifts to build up Calvary Church. Be specific, create an action plan, and hold one another accountable!

## Next Steps:

1. **Join the conversation at the Alpha Course and explore some of life’s big questions about life, faith, the Bible and Jesus, over a relaxed time of dinner, learning and group discussion.** The Alpha course meets Wednesdays through May 25 from 6:30- 8:30 pm in the Lobby. For more info, please visit [calvarylife.org/alpha](http://calvarylife.org/alpha)
2. **Attend the new Wednesday night series, Couple Talk, to build healthy communication in your relationships.** Couple Talk meets Wednesdays through April 27 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. You will learn - and use - practical tools to manage disagreements, handle strong emotions, and repair your relationship when it's been ruptured. As a result, you'll have better communication, feel closer to each other, and be able to resolve conflict faster! Find out more at [calvarylife.org/marriage](http://calvarylife.org/marriage)
3. **Connect with a mentor at the Mentor Meet-up to grow in your faith and better follow Jesus through a discipleship relationship.** The Mentor Meet-up on Sunday, May 1 at 7:00 pm in the Lobby is an intentional time to help connect those looking to be mentors, and those looking to have a mentor over a casual evening of dessert. Learn more at [calvarylife.org/mentor](http://calvarylife.org/mentor)