

# LG | Leader

[Ephesians 4:7-16]

## WARM-UP (10 mins)

Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- In your time with the Lord, what is He teaching you?
- When you reflect on Sunday's sermon, what impacted you the most? Anything that stirred your affection towards the Lord? [Christ's Gifts]

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Read our primary text. Are evangelists, shepherds, and teachers limited to just doing those roles? Why or why not?  
No, like in a team sport there are some individual roles that are specialized towards an individual's giftedness (i.e. pitcher, quarterback, goalie). However, that does not mean they are incapable of performing on the team in other ways if needed. For example, a goalie can play field, likewise, a teacher should also be fully capable to evangelize.
2. Who is the Chief Shepherd, the one who is the "ultimate senior pastor"? What verse in this passage affirms this?  
Jesus Christ. All Pastor's today are undershepherds of the Chief Shepherd. Verse 15 states that Christ is the head of the body.
3. God gifted these individuals for a common goal. What is their ultimate purpose?  
Yes, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, but more importantly to bring believers to maturity in faith and knowledge of the Son of God.
4. If the people of the church are equipped well, what happens?  
The church will build itself up in love.
5. Why should this training and equipping be of such great importance to you?  
Being brought to maturity means that you are no longer a child (spiritually), and you now have the ability to avoid the snares of the world – human cunning, craftiness in deceitful schemes. It means you are capable of discerning truth from error.
6. When will we reach "mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"?  
When God glorifies us at the end of days. At that time, we will fully know Christ. Until that time we strive towards maturity, only knowing in part.

7. What are some other dominant themes in this text?

(Example: Unity, Truth, Love) – All marks of the church.

## **PRAY**

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**

Commentary Reference:

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