

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: ALIGN

Week 3: Equipped for God's Purposes

God, am I in alignment with You?

- Core Foundations: (1)The Bible—Word of God is our final authority; (2) The Gospel— Good News is our only hope.
- Key Priorities for Aligning with God and God's Purposes: The 1st priority is to Engage— love God supremely & love others greatly. Key words: Worship & Connect. The 2nd priority is that we are Equipped for God's Purposes. How do we align with God's purpose of equipping? We Grow and Serve.

EPHESIANS 4:11-16.

1. WHAT DID CHRIST GIVE TO HIS CHURCH? **Ephesians 4:11**—He gave gifted people.
2. WHY DID HE GIVE GIFTED PEOPLE TO THE CHURCH? **Ephesians 4:12a**—To equip His people for works of service.
3. WHY DO WE EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE TO SERVE? **Ephesians 4:12b**—“... So that the body of Christ may be built up”
4. HOW DO WE KNOW IF THIS IS REALLY WORKING? **Ephesians 4:13**—3 different ways that we can see it being successful: (1) Unity in the faith. (2) Unity in knowledge. (3) Unity in maturity.
5. WHAT DOES MATURITY NOT LOOK LIKE? **Ephesians 4:14**— It doesn't look like instability.
6. WHAT DOES MATURITY LOOK LIKE? **4:15-16**—What maturity looks like is this church that is growing & serving together.
 - **Are you a contributing member of the church?**
 - **When you serve, you grow.**
 - **We can't fully function as God intended without you.**

Timeless Truth: Jesus measures greatness when we serve.