

What God Wants

Ephesians 4:11-16

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GIFTED

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

There may be no more controversial subject than the ministry of the Holy Spirit. This becomes even more heated when we look at the gifts of the Spirit. But this shouldn't be so. Because the Bible is pretty clear that God never changes and God has given us His Spirit for many important purposes. As the Lord continues to pour out His Spirit on the Crossroads family, we felt that it was important to explore the Person and work of the Spirit.

REALIZE

1. God wants us equipped.

- **Scripture Reference;** Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What is my ministry?

2. God wants us unified and mature.

- **Scripture Reference;** Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 2:6-7
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How can I mature in Christ?

3. God wants us growing in love.

- **Scripture Reference;** Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How can I proactively love better?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?