

# Gifted by Christ's Design

## Ephesians 4:1-16

What individual has made a big difference in the world?  
What difference do you and I make in the Kingdom of God?



### God's Purpose for Creation

God made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. Ephesians 1:9-10

### Ephesians: Therefore walk (live)...

- In a manner worthy of your calling ..... 4:1-16
- In holiness together ..... 4:17-32
- In love together ..... 5:1-2
- In light together ..... 5:3-14
- In wisdom together ..... 5:15-6:9

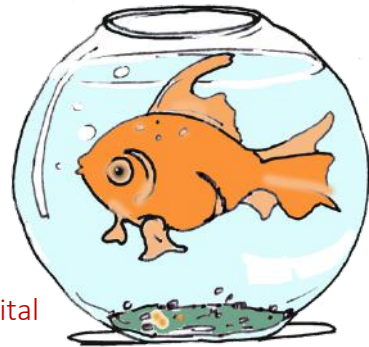
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1-6: Diverse unity is rooted in the Trinity

7-10: Grace is given by Christ's supreme authority

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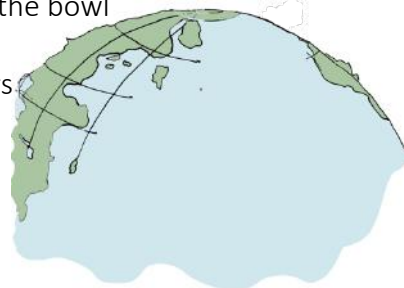
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### The Big Idea

In Christ, each and every Christian is vital to His work to bring unity to all things

A big fish in a little bowl matters in the bowl but gets lost in the ocean unless it works in unison with others



### Core Value: PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

We believe that God equips all of His people in various ways to lead and/or to serve in the church, including men and women, the older and the younger as well as all people irrespective of their experience with English and the length of staying in the US.

- We endeavor to recognize God's equipping of each of His people, to participate in His work of equipping people, and to empower people who are in the process of being equipped to lead and to serve.
- We endeavor to engage in frequent, meaningful dialogue together as a congregation...
- We endeavor to learn from believers from around the world. ...

### What are we to do?

- Humbly pursue unity with determination
- Discover & develop our gifts & abilities
- Every person do the work God has given
- With shared conviction of our mission

### Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. How do you normally think of your role in Christ's Kingdom?
2. What is your sense for how Christ has gifted and is gifting you? Are you more of a communication person or more of an action person?
3. What would it look like to grow and live out our calling from our Sovereign Lord in our daily lives?

### Conversation starters this week

What is your sense for how you matter in the working of the world or the universe?

Where does your sense of meaning and purpose come from?

