

THE CHURCH (2)

GOD COMPLETES HIS PLAN THROUGH THE CHURCH

A CCS Resource
for Parents & Carers



FOR OLDER KIDS
& TEENS



KEY POINT:

God completes his plan through Bible teachers training Christians to all do ministry together!



- From last week, what is God's plan?
- What do you think makes the church grow?
- Who is meant to be doing the work to grow the church?



PRAY for God's help as you come to His Word
READ [EPHESIANS 4:1-16](#)



1. From last week, what is God's big plan for the world? *The plan is to have a people united under Jesus. We therefore need to live in the light of it.*
2. What is the repeated word in v4-6? What does that tell us about the church? *One. It shows us that we are a united people under Jesus.*
3. How does the church grow in v7-16? Follow the steps...
 - a.) What has Jesus done to start the process? (v8-11) *Jesus in his victory gave the gift of Bible writers (prophet and apostles) and Bible teachers to the church.*
 - b.) What role do Bible writers and Bible teachers play? (v12) *They teach the truth to the church, equipping the church for works of service, or ministry.*
 - c.) What role do all Christians play? (v12, v15) *They do works of service (ministry), speaking the truth in love to build up the church.*
 - d.) Why is each step so important? What is at stake? (v13-16) *It is so important because it is only as Christians speak truth in love to one another that the church is built up and grow into maturity. If this doesn't happen, then we will be easily led astray by those who lie to us.*



1. How does this passage challenge or correct our view of the church?
2. How does this passage help us think about what Sundays should look like when we meet together as a church?
3. In light of these verses, what difference can I make?



PRAISE God for his awesome plan and for the privilege of being included in it! **GIVE THANKS** for the Bible writers and Bible teachers he has given the church. **PRAY** that God will use the Bible teachers he has given our church to help us all do ministry and to build up his church together.