

Things to Pray for my church
2. “Praying that my church would be a body growing in maturity”
(Ephesians 4:11-16)

Father God, help us to:

Be equipped (v.11-12)

An equipping church means we can:

1. Do more together
 - Multiplying ministry – investing in others
 - All Christians are priests for God (1 Peter 2:9)
 - Delegating without equipping = dumping
 - Do we want to be equipped?

Build each other up (v.12, 16)

A church that builds each other up means we can:

2. Be more together
 - Character growth
 - Seeking the best for others
 - Building relationships outside of organized activities

Be united (v.13)

False unity = brushing things under the carpet

True unity = keeping Jesus at the centre

Become mature (v.13-15)

‘Infants’ – impressionable & unstable:

- When do you have doubts & struggles in your faith?
- Be careful which voices you listen to

Maturity:

- Truth and love
- Our lives impact each other
- Maturity is a process – what ‘baby steps’ can I take?

Digging Deeper - Personal Reflection or Group Study

Ephesians 4:11-16

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Be equipped (v.11-12)

- How many types of 'works of service' can you think of in church life?
- Why is it important for people to be equipped & released to serve in the church?
- Thank God for those who have invested in you for church service
- Who are you investing in so that ministry can be multiplied?

Build each other up (v.12, 16)

- When you serve, is your priority about blessing others & building them up or is your focus elsewhere? How can you tell?
- Are you building relationships with people from church outside of organized activities? What are the benefits of this?

Be united (v.13)

- What is Christian unity and why is it important? Are we a united church?

Become mature (v.13-15)

- What things unsettle you in your faith?
- How can we help each other to grow in maturity?