

Say Yes to God: Growing Deeper in God's Grace  
*“Alive in Christ”*  
Ephesians 4:1-16

THE BIG IDEA: God calls the church to be a unified team where we are “efficient and graceful in response to God's Son” and where together we become alive in Christ.

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED

1. The passage today describes the church as an integrated team. Have you ever played on a sports team? What did you enjoy most? What makes a great team?

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

**Together, read Ephesians 4:1-16**

2. What was one idea from Greg's sermon that stayed with you, or is there one verse that stands out in the passage you just read? Why?
3. When have you experienced unity in the church? What makes that happen? Where do you experience teamwork at Bidwell Presbyterian Church?
4. Read the way Eugene Peterson paraphrases the meaning of verses 5-6 about Christ: “He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.” Paul emphasizes that all Christians should use their gifts. Have you taken time to find your gifts? What do you think they are? What do other people say?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

5. How is your Real Life Group demonstrating a team that's “efficient and graceful in response to God's Son”?
6. What is one thing you've read in the book of Ephesians so far that is helping you or your RLG grow up and become more alive in Christ?

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## THE EXTRA MILE

7. This passage calls us to grow up. Where are you on the maturity scale in Christ? How can you go one step further in growing in maturity, encouraging another's gifts, or working as a team?

## SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God's hope and the power of the Resurrection through one another. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another needs. There you find the power of God.

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