

Shepherd | Pastor Chris White | 11.13.2022  
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This morning Pastor Chris White spoke about what the Bible has to say to the “Shepherds” and “Sheep” of the church. We all have a part and it takes all of us doing our part for the church to work the way God intended.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT) says “11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. 15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church. 16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

- Why is it important for the leaders and “Shepherds” to equip and build up the church and body of Christ?
  - What happens within the church if the leaders of the church are not doing this?
- What are some ways the leaders and church accomplish this today?
  - What else could the leaders and church do to help equip the members?

Read verse 14 again.

- How do you know the difference between the truth, lies, and half truths?
- What are some tricks and lies you see in the world we live in today?
- How can you speak the truth in love?

This morning Pastor Chris reminded us that we all have a part and job in the body of Christ. In order for the body to perform efficiently and correctly we all need to do our part.

- What are some examples of the parts within the church/Body of Christ?
- What is your part—where are you currently serving or fulfilling your part?
- Do you feel God calling you to take a step further either where you're at or in another direction?
- What is your next step?