

# **Grow Up! The Journey to Maturity (Eph. 4:11-16)**

## **1. God's Gracious Gifts to the Church**

- A. Lists of Gifts: Rom. 12:6-8; I Cor. 12:7-11
- B. Apostles and Prophets – foundational gifts  
Evangelists – Evangelical gifts  
Pastors & Teachers – Relational gifts
- C. God gives “people-gifts” to the church. What are the implications of this?

## **2. God's Immediate Purpose for the Church**

- A. Equipping (Katartismos)
  - Mending of nets
  - Each one is called to commit to equipping for ministry
- B. Edification
  - The body is built by the people working

## **3. God's Ultimate Goal in the Church**

- A. Growing up by growing out of some things
  - Infancy
  - Instability
  - Insensitivity (love)
- B. Growing up by growing “into”
  - The head and body image