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Church Basics 101: The Growing Church  
**God's Design for Church Growth!**  
***Ephesians 4:11-16***

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What is a mature, growing church? There are many supposed answers to that question ... but what does the Word of God tell us? Ephesians 4:11-16

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1) Gifted men are given to the church to equip God's people, vs. 11-12.

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2) Equipped people then carry on that task, to the building up of the Body of Christ, vs. 13-16.

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The end result? "... the growth of the body (church) for the building up of itself in love." (vs. 16)

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**Suggested Devotional Reading**

- Monday:** The Church announced – Matthew 16:13-20
- Tuesday:** The Church born – Acts 2
- Wednesday:** The Church defined – Ephesians 1 - 3
- Thursday:** The Church set straight – Revelation 2
- Friday:** The Church set straight – Revelation 3
- Saturday:** Memorize Ephesians 4:11-12

**TABLE TALK**

Read Revelation 2:1-7. Now read Ephesians 4:11-16 (particularly vs. 16). How did the church at Ephesus get to where "they had left their first love"? Discuss.

**Next Week – Church Basics 101: The Committed Church**