## Serve (Ephesians 4:7-16) Connect + Grow + Serve + Go, Part 4 April 28, 2024 – Pastor Michael Nolen

1. In Christ's body,
But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) (Ephesians 4:7-10, ESV)
2. Christ gifts some to
And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip
the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12, ESV)
3. The purpose of Christ's gifts is to
Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature
manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be
children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human
cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and
held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly,
makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:13-16, ESV)