



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
R O C H E S T E R

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**June 9, 2024**

**Refresh**

Read Ephesians 4:16 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

**Discuss**

When living as a believer in Christ, what should be our ultimate goal? How does Romans 8:29 help us understand what our goal ought to be?

How does this verse demonstrate God's action in helping us reach this God-ordained goal? Why should this encourage us?

How does Jesus' dialogue with Saul in Acts 9 demonstrate the connectedness of Jesus and the church? Why is this significant for us to understand? What are the dangers of separating Jesus from the church?

Why do you think God has designed the church to be a diverse, yet interconnected, collection of members? What does this reveal about God? How might this serve to display His glory?

How does this passage highlight the significance of every believer serving faithfully according to their giftedness? Why are churches often filled with members who are not serving in any way? What happens when you have a church where very few people do most of the work?

Why are we often tempted not to accept people different from us? How does this passage force us to embrace those different from us, both in personality and gifting? How might our differences and unique characteristics serve to grow the church and glorify God?