

Gifts for the Church
Ephesians 4:7-16 (ESV)

Scriptural Questions:

1. What was Paul's emphasis in verses 1-6?
2. What (or whom) has God given the church for the ministry of the Word?
3. What's the purpose that Paul wants to highlight in verse 12?
4. What is one of the results of maturity according to verse 14?

Discipleship Questions:

1. Why is it so important that these leaders in the church can teach the Word of God?
2. Do you think CBC is faithful in keeping this standard set forth by God's word in this passage?
3. The ESV Study Bible notes, "Immaturity in the truths of Christian doctrine makes the church like gullible children tossed helplessly by the waves and wind of cunning and deceitful schemes of false teachers" See references 1 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 4:1-3; Jude 4; Rev. 2:2.
4. Yet the truth cannot be used as a club to bash people with, it must be presented in love. Do you find it hard or easy to speak truth in love? Why? Why not?