

**A HEALTHY CHURCH**  
**Colossians 1; Ephesians 4, 1 Corinthians 12**

"We as [churches] may be lampstands, but all of the light is Christ Himself. We exist in order that He might shine through us."

-Alistair Begg

Colossians 1:16-18, 21-23 **A Healthy Church is full of Christ.**

Faith in Christ-

Stability in Christ-

Hope in Christ-

Ephesians 4:4-6, 11-15 **A Healthy church is full of disciples.**

A Disciple is -

Apostle, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers  
together –

1 Corinthians 12:1, 21-26 A Healthy church is full of diversity  
working in unity.

## Getting to Know You

1. What was the best thing that happened to you over the summer?

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## Into the Bible

2. Fullness is a rich term in the Bible. Paul uses it in two of the passages that Patrick spoke about Sunday. In Colossians 1:19, he says that God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him (Christ.) In Ephesians 4:13, the fullness of Christ is the measure of our Christian maturity. John uses the same term to speak of Jesus as the Word. In John 1:16, he says that out of His fullness we have received grace upon grace, which seems to mean ever-increasing grace that can never run out. Discuss with your group what fullness means in your walk with Christ.
  
3. 1 Corinthians 12:28 and Ephesians 4:11 give examples of spiritual gifts. There is another list in Romans 12:6-8. Compare these lists. Do you think they are a complete list or are they a sample of a larger group of gifts?

## Application

4. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If you are coming back to a group that you have been a member of before, ask other members what spiritual gifts they see in you. If you are new to a group, share what you think your gifts are and ask other members to watch you through the ten week term and give you feedback about your gifts.
  
5. Both Ephesians 4 and 1 Corinthians 12, in speaking about spiritual gifts, emphasize that gifts are important to the entire body of Christ. Ephesians 4:16 says the whole body grows as each part does its work. 1 Corinthians 12:27 says you are the body of Christ and each of you is a part of it. How are you using your spiritual gifts within our local body, Chapel City Church?