



Expect Your Church to...

1. Increase _____ (Colossians 1:24-29)

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2. Provide _____ (Acts 20:28-31)

Expect Your Church to...

3. Motivate _____ (Hebrews 10:24-25)

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4. Multiply _____ (1 Corinthians 12:14-20)

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5. Provide _____ (Philippians 2:1-4)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:11-13**. How can you become a better recipient of the preaching of God's word whether it is an exhortation, an encouragement, or a biblical charge?
2. Read **2 Peter 2:1-3** and **Ephesians 4:11-14**. What are some of the damaging effects of false teaching and twisted theology when it takes hold in a Christian's life?
3. Read **Proverbs 27:17** and **Romans 15:14**. What are some of the informal ways church congregants can "instruct" one another when they spend time together?
4. Read **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**. Describe how the principles from this passage apply to the way your impact on our world for Christ is strengthened as you team up with those in your church?
5. Read **Colossians 4:7-18**. What can you learn about Christian friendship by reading this passage carefully and observing Paul's specific descriptions of his friends and fellow servants of Christ?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

April 3rd

Judg. 10-11 & Lk. 9:1-36

April 4th

Judg. 12-14 & Lk. 9:37-62

April 5th

Judg. 15-17 & Lk. 10:1-24

April 6th

Judg. 18-19 & Lk. 10:25-42

April 7th

Judg. 20-21 & Lk. 11:1-28

April 8th

Ruth 1-4 & Lk. 11:29-54

April 9th

1Sam. 1-3 & Lk. 12:1-34

April 10th

1Sam. 4-6 & Lk. 12:35-59

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 13-27 – **Church Life as It Ought to Be**

Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**

Msg. 15-17 – **Looking to the Future: Compass at Ten Years & Beyond**

Msg. 14-16 – **Teaming Up to Prepare our Generation**

Msg. 11-09 – **Empathy for God's Embattled People**

Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**

Msg. 12-58 – 12-68 – **God's Church** (a series on the Church as Christ designed it)

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

#YouAndTheChurch

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay E. **A Consumer's Guide to Preaching**. Victor Books, 1991.

Berding, Kenneth. **What are Spiritual Gifts? Rethinking the Conventional View**. Kregel, 2006.

Coleman, Robert E. **The Master Plan of Evangelism**. Spire Books, 1963.

Fabarez, Mike. **Praying for Sunday: You, Your Pastor, and the Next Sermon**. Focal Point, 2009.

Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.

Frazee, Randy. **The Connecting Church: Beyond Small Groups to Authentic Community**. Zondervan, 2001.

Getz, Gene. **Sharpening the Focus of the Church**. Victor Books, 1984.

Gorman, Julie. **Community That Is Christian**. Victor Books, 1993.

Nyquist, J. Paul. **Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture**. Moody Press, 2015.

Putnam, Robert. **Bowling Alone: The Collapse & Revival of American Community**. Touchstone, 2001. (Reference on culture.)

Ramey, Ken. **Expository Listening: A Handbook for Hearing and Doing God's Word**. Kress, 2010.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.

Saucy, Robert. **Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance**. Word Publishing, 2001.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.