

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of October 23rd, 2016



Key Scripture:

Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ From him [Christ] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (ESV)

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Ephesians 2:19–22 (ESV)

¹⁹ [...] you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

Ephesians 4:16 says that the church (the body) gets its growth from Christ. **What could the warning signs be in a church that is not seeking Christ to grow? Is it possible for a church to grow by other means?**

On an individual level what signs in your life when Jesus stops being the center?

Based on where we have been in Ephesians what is God's plan for his church? Does he have a mission or an end goal for it? How does Ephesians 2:19-22 expand on that?

Do you think that every believer is called to a role within church? If yes, what are those roles?

With the more time you spend at Oceanside are you finding the responsibility and the role that you have in this church community increasing?

Within God's people do you feel you have something significant or insignificant to give? Why?

In verse 16 it says "[the whole body] grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work". **Is it possible to grow personally without giving yourself to God's task?**

In what ways do you need to be equipped for the tasks that God is putting on your heart? How will you keep Jesus as the center?

Over the course of this six-week series, what element has stood out to you the most?