# Work Life: Church Work

Nov 15, 2026 I Ephesians 2:4-10,19-22; Ephesians 4:11−15-16; I Corinthians 12:4-11

God wants us to live integrated lives.

- Your physical work is spiritual work.
- Spiritual work is also your real work.
- Your real work is also church work.

1. You have work to do in the Church.

2. You have gifts to help you work in the Church..

3. Your gifts are given and designed to serve the Lord and others.
    - Spiritual gifts are not for you. Spiritual gifts are given through you to others.
    - The best way to discover what spiritual gifts are given to you is by finding a need.

# Life Group Prep

We encourage you to reflect on and write out answers to these questions before you meet with your life group to discuss the Sunday message.

1. Review the sermon and scripture passages, what idea thought or concept most impacted you?

2. The series has emphasized living integrated lives rather than compartmentalized ones. How have you tended to separate “church life” from the rest of your work and daily responsibilities? What difference does it make to see church involvement as real work God has given every believer?

3. In Ephesians 4, leaders are given to equip the saints for the work of ministry so that the body builds itself up in love. How does this shift the common idea that “ministry” is mainly the job of pastors and staff? What responsibility does every member carry?

4. Paul acknowledges that the church often includes immaturity, selfishness, and conflict. How should we respond when we see dysfunction or difficult people in the body, while still taking seriously the call for “each part” to work properly?

5. Scripture repeatedly links spiritual gifts to serving others and building up the body for the common good (1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, 1 Peter 4). Why is it important that gifts are given *through* us rather than *for* us?

6. The sermon suggests that the best way to discover spiritual gifts is not primarily through an assessment but by finding needs and meeting them. Where have you seen this principle at work—either in your own life or in someone else’s?

7. Looking at the people and needs around you in the church right now, what is one practical way you could begin (or continue) using your time, abilities, or gifts to build others up in love this week?