



- Join us in the kitchen, because we have been given JESUS as the HEAD of our family.

Eph. 1:22-23

- Join us in the kitchen, to be part of Jesus' GLORIOUS PLAN.

Eph. 3:10-11

- Join us in the kitchen, because Jesus has EMPOWERED you to COOK in ways you can't begin to imagine!

Eph. 3:20-21

- Join us in the kitchen, because Jesus has DESIGNED us to work TOGETHER.

Eph. 4:11-16

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. There's a lot of different motives we have to serve in the church. What are some bad motivations? What are some good, but not ultimate motivations?
2. Read Ephesians 1:22-23. How does Jesus being the head of His church change your perspective on serving in the church? Have you ever experienced worshiping God through your service (see Romans 12:1)? How is this different from serving God when your focus is on the wrong things (see 1 Chron. 29:11-16)?
3. Read Ephesians 3:10-11. What does this tell you about the size and scope of God's plan of redemption? Do you see yourself as being part of this grand plan? Read Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:16-21. How can this be an encouragement to you?
4. Read Ephesians 3:20-21. What are few things this verse tells you about God's empowerment for serving Him? Have you ever felt inadequate to serve God? How did that situation turn out? How should you respond when you feel inadequate to serve God (see 2 Cor 3:5; 1 Peter 4:8-11)?
5. In your life, how is God asking you to join His glorious plan of redemption? Has God been nudging you to serve Him in a specific way? How can you find your place and figure out where God would have you serve? Do you have a sense of how God has gifted you, and where you can use that gifting to serve Him? (see Romans 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:7-12)
6. Read Ephesians 4:11-14. Who does the work of ministry in these verses? What is the job of church leaders in these verses? How does this understanding change your perspective on your role in the church?
7. Read Ephesians 4:16. What does it mean that "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts?" How does that apply to this verse?
8. Where is God calling you to invest your time and energy right now in His service?

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