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Why growing the church is YOUR job and NOT the Pastor's
Ephesians 4:11-16

The pastor's role is to _____ the Word
to _____ the body.

It is the members of the church that _____ the body.

Principles of Church Growth:

The Word of God _____ and _____ believers.

Church growth focus is NOT _____ it is
_____ growth.

False or bad teaching will _____ growth.

How do I help growth the church?

V 15: Speaking is not in the Greek text! Literally "truthing it" or "being truthful"

What happens to me when I attend church?

What happens to the church when I attend church?

What is my part or share in the work?

The result: Growth on top of Growth.

Energy Production: Fission vs Fusion

Translations of 4:15 that do not add in the word speak:

Weymouth New Testament

But we shall lovingly hold to the truth, and shall in all respects grow up into union with Him who is our Head, even Christ.

NET Bible

But practicing the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head.

Young's Literal Translation

and, being true in love, we may increase to Him in all things, who is the head -- the Christ;

Why does the Bible focus on maturity growth of believers instead of numerical growth of more people?

If you add more people, do you get more maturity of existing people who attend?

If you get more maturity in the people who attend, are you more likely to also have numerical growth also?

What are the pitfalls of focusing on numerical growth?

What are the pitfalls of trying to grow your church with a certain type of person in mind?

What should be the main focus in our church growth strategy?