

The Church: God's Blueprint.

Ephesians 4:11-16

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Introduction:

A definition of missions: The glory of God in the Gospel of Jesus Christ manifested in the church around the World. How does one do missions? How does one follow God's blueprint for the church?

God's Blueprint:

I. Provision from the Lord (Ephesians 4:11).

The truth of His Word, Gospel heralds, and pastor-teachers.

II. The purpose of the Lord's provision (Ephesians 4:12-13).

The equipping of Christians for ministry to bring about unity, knowledge, and maturity in Christ.

III. The result of the Lord's Provision (Ephesians 4:14-16).

Stability, discernment, truth, and growth.

Consider some implications:

- I. ecclesiology and evangelism
- II. ecclesiology and Bible translation
- III. ecclesiology and discipleship
- IV. ecclesiology and counseling
- V. ecclesiology and the training of pastors
- VI. ecclesiology and church-planting... and you

Missions Resources:

David Doran - *For the Sake of His Name*
P.T. O'Brien - *Gospel and Missions in the Writings of Paul*
Andy Johnson - *Missions: How the Local Church Goes Global*
John Piper - *Let The Nations Be Glad*
William Barrick - *Understanding Bible Translation*
Omri Miles - *GCCW* (a hip-hop album on missions)