

## TGCL #13: EPHESIANS 4:7-16 WHY CHURCH?

When we dream mix hope, doubt, work, luck outcomes – **WE R NOT GOD**  
**GOD DREAMS INTO REALITIES – WHAT HE DREAMS HE DECREES – BECOMES**  
God's dreams aren't fly-by-night fancies that never materialize; they are **concrete realities** that we have the privilege and opportunity to participate in if we choose to.  
Revelation 7:9-10 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" **NOT YET BUT WILL**  
**GOD'S DREAM:** To create a diverse people united in faith around the one true God and His Son, Jesus Christ. An eternal people, fully functioning, gospel radiating, spiritual gift using, culture transforming, built up, grown up, unified up, bound up in love as a force of gospel truth and love in His sovereign hand. X3 – wants?

- YOU CAN STILL HAVE DREAMS: Man of your dreams – purpose - Dream job – Dream vacation > Fulfill His Dream (PURPOSE TO YOUR DREAMS)

We don't just go to church. We are the church. WHY CHURCH? Good thing. Better. trad  
**WE R FULFILLMENT GOD'S DREAM – ON HIS MISSION. vvEXPLAIN** How who where

### **HOW: THROUGH THE FULLY FUNCTIONING FIVE-FOLD GIFTS**

**WHEN HE ASCENDED – Led captivity captive and gave gifts to men and women**  
**The ascension of Jesus signified the initiation of the Great Commission. The Baton**  
**Gifts: *Doma: – gifted person – person gifted by God for specific fun – EMERGE LEADERS***  
**THE DYNAMIC POWER 5-fold gifts APEST MISSIONALIZES EVERY XIAN**  
**AP FOUNDATIONAL OFFICES - Formation of the Church – ONCE FOR ALL WAY**

- **Original Apostles + Prophets – UNIQUE / ONE TIME**

Eph 2:19 But you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

**APEST ARE GIFTED PPL TODAY equip god's ppl. Build up god's ppl. Engage**

- Church Office: publicly appointed to lead the life and ministry of a local congreg.
- GIFTS - Scattered throughout the congregation function non-official capacity

### **THE PURP OF DIV APEST GIFTS EVERY SAINT EQUIP TO FULFILL THEIR ROLE**

**Apostles:** BC We need to be pushed out of our comfort zone TO relentlessly expand the kingdom beyond the four walls.. **Prophets:** People need to discern culture and covenant, have an awareness of sin, and be exhorted to live out our faith. **Evangelist:** People need salvation and continual exposure to the gospel. **Shepherds:** People need guidance, care, and be compelled to live in community.

**Teachers:** People need to know the truth, doctrines and how to live them out.

### **WHO: REALIZED IN THE LABORATORY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH**

Every Jesus follower learns to reach their full spiritual potential in the local church.

- **Equip the saints for the work of the ministry – WHO IS THAT ALL OF US – WHAT I STHAT/ God's Mission – Mutual Equipping.**

○ **Equip – built up: Levi – vid. Tacoma Trailhunter**

- **Exponential: when we are working on each other – with each other**

I just show up.. everything worship.grow.reach. studies. LG.DJ.worship.GAD.gathering  
All of God's gifted people **YOU** need to be exercising their spiritual gifts to build up and to be built up. It's then, and only then, that the church will be activated to reach its full potential.

**EXPONENTIAL GROWTH - PICTURE**

Titus 2:13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**AL** Unity of the faith + unity knowledge of Son of God – **AL** Standing on Truth: Not tossed around by every wind and wave of doctrine – **AL** Growing Up Into Christ: speak the truth in love – **AL** Joined and held together – **AL** Working On Each Other (not working e/o over) for Goodmutual equipping – every part working .

**WHERE: THE LOCAL CHURCH YOU ARE PLANTED IN**

**Living things only grow in the right soil – u don't plant rose bush in calicci**

- **Cultivated/incubated in the culture of:** Humility, gentleness, patience, love, fight for unity (EAGERLY MAINTAINING – eager about things u like) – **EAGER**

Christian growth does not occur in isolation.

○ **SINGULAR FOCUS**

**WHY: JESUS PEOPLE – HIS MISSION**

Dream and dream big. But dream in a way that your dreams fulfill His dream. His dream is the one that will last forever.