## August 15 - 21, 2021 DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Read the Key Passage: Ephesians 4:14-16

Icebreaker: What are qualities of a spiritual child?

## Read 4:13-14

- In vv. 11-12 we see Jesus giving the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry? According to vv. 13-14 what are the results of the equipping of the saints?
- What things are central to unity and maturity?
- What would you suggest as next steps of growth at our church for someone who is a spiritual child?
- What does this passage say about the danger of false doctrine?
- What are some common false doctrines we face today as a church?
- How do you know if you are growing spiritually?

## Read 4:15-16

- This section presents a contrast with those who are carried away by false doctrine.
   According to these verses, how do we respond to false doctrine?
- What things are at the core of correct doctrine?
- Why is Jesus so central to our growth?
- What do we learn here about the body? Who is the body? What are the keys of growth for the body?
- This fall we will be doing a 16-week series on doctrine. Who do you know who would benefit from being invited to come and hear that series?

Pray that we would be unified with Jesus as the body of believers. Pray that we would pattern our lives after Jesus in every way, hold fast to right doctrine, and grow in love and maturity in the middle of a hurting world.



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