2. In what ways does Jesus provide nourishment
   for the life of the church?

3. What is the difference between *theoretical* unity
   and *functional* unity in the church?

4. Some Christians today view the church as
   irrelevant to Christian living. Why do you think this is?

5. Suggest several ways you can have
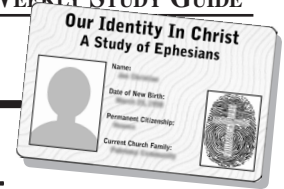   an intentional focus on the corporate body.

Personal Application

• How are you contributing to the growth of your church?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith
or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

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Body Building

Introduction: Ephesians 4:7-16
Five things that are needed for our Church to grow in spiritual
maturity:

I. We must have a _____ _____
   to _____ _____.

   A. The _____ of the _____ ____ _____.
      Ephesians 4:15; 5:23

   B. Jesus is the _____ ____ _____
      for the _____.
      Ephesians 1:22–23; 1 John 5:11–12; 1 Corinthians 12:12–13;
      Colossians 2:19; Ephesians 4:15–16; 1:19

   C. Jesus is the _____ _____
      of _____ _____.   Ephesians 4:15

II. We must have a _____ _____
    _____ _____ _____.
    Ephesians 4:15–16

    A. The body is designed as __ _____
       _____.   1 Corinthians 12:12–14

B. The _____ have _____ _____,

but they _____ as __ _____.

1 Corinthians 12:4–7

III. We must embrace the _____

of _____ _____ ____ the _____.

A. There are ____ _____ _____

of the church. Ephesians 1:4–10

B. Jesus does not make _____ _____

_____, but He makes _____

_____ _____.

Matthew 25:15; Ephesians 4:15–16

IV. We must have an _____ _____

on the _____ _____.

A. A _____ _____

to the Church is _____ to

_____ Christian _____.

1 Corinthians 12:14–21,24-27; Hebrews 10:24–25

B. _____ _____ _____ is

for the _____ of _____ ____

the Church. Ephesians 4:15–16

C. The _____ _____ of the body

is seen in the _____ _____

of _____ _____. Ephesians 4:11–16; Colossians 2:19

V. We must be _____ _____

____ _____.

A. _____ is the _____ _____

of _____ from God. 1 John 4:16; Romans 5:8

B. _____ is a _____ _____

for God's best for fellow believers demonstrated through

_____ _____ of _____.

John 13:34–35

C. The church can _____ _____ in the

_____ ____ _____.

Ephesians 4:15–16; 1 Corinthians 13:4–8

Conclusion: How are you _____ ____

the _____ of _____ _____?

Study & Discussion Questions

1. If Jesus is the Head of the church, why does the church have need of human leaders? Defend your answer.