

# SERMON OUTLINE

A PORTRAIT OF A HEALTHY CHURCH: ENGAGED MEMBERS

ROMANS 12:6-18

MAY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Four Characteristics of a Healthy Member

### I. Use spiritual gifts to serve: vs. 6-8

“A spiritual gift is an ability empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in the ministry of the Church.” – Wayne Grudem

#### Four Questions to Discern a Spiritual Gift

- 1) Where are the needs around me?
- 2) What do I enjoy?
- 3) Where am I spiritually effective?
- 4) Where am I being affirmed by others?

### II. Grow in godliness: vs. 9b, 11, 12, 14, 16b, 17

### III. Care for one another in community: vs. 9a, 10, 13, 15

### IV. Actively maintain unity: vs. 16, 18

**BENEDICTION:** “<sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” – Ephesians 4:11-16