

### Going deeper

John 17 is Jesus's prayer for his followers on the night before he is crucified. In the first part of the chapter he prays for his first disciples. In this section he prays for the future church.

#### Read John 17:20-26

5. Who does Jesus say will be part of the church in the future? (cf. Eph. 1:13).
  
6. Why is the unity of the church important to Jesus?
  
7. What does Jesus want those who believe in him to have and see?
  
8. How does the church differ from the world?
  
9. How well does today's church live up to the vision of Jesus for the church expressed in this prayer?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

#### **Growth Team News**

Growth Teams are back this week. This is an excellent opportunity to share with others as we think together about what it means to be church. Why not join one for Lent?

As it says in Hebrews 10:25: "Let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together..." Growth Teams provide the perfect way to be able to do just that.



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## People of Promise

*Ephesians 4:1-16 (page 1175)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

The \_\_\_\_\_ Promise

What are we promised? \_\_\_\_\_

How do we gain the promise? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ our Promise

How does the Church body build? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the church to grow into?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

## Starter question

❖ How did you first come to believe the promise of God?

## Responding to the talk

1. How has your understanding of the church been renewed, challenged or deepened through this week's talk?
2. Read Ephesians 4:1-6
  - a. Look at Ephesians 1:18. What are we promised as part of our calling?
  - b. What does it mean to 'live a life worthy of the calling you have received'?
  - c. Why is unity part of our calling?
  - d. How do the attitudes in verse 2 help us to stay united?
3. Read Ephesians 4:7-11
  - a. Why is it important to understand that Jesus has ascended to heaven in order to understand the church? (cf. 1:22-23)
  - b. Where does Christ give his gifts from?
  - c. Who does God give as gifts to the church?
4. Read Ephesians 4:12-16
  - a. What does the teaching of the word do for the church?
  - b. What kind of church are we to grow into?
  - c. What part does truth and love have in a mature church?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

## Applying it to our lives

9. What practical steps can we take to help the church reach unity in the faith?
10. In what areas of its life does St. Luke's need to be built up in order to better attain the full measure of Christ?