

DISCUSSION

1. College Park Church's mission statement is "*Igniting a passion to follow Jesus.*" Why is it important for a church to have a clear mission? What would happen if a local church did not understand its mission?
2. Read Eph. 4:11–16 together and make observations of the passage. What stands out to you? Why?
3. According to verses 11–12, what is the purpose of apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers? Who is called to do the work of ministry?
4. According to this passage, what is the goal of the church's ministry? How does this relate to our mission as a local church?
5. What barriers can stand in the way of a local church equipping the saints for the work of ministry? How does a church overcome these barriers?
6. What benefits come from having every member involved in ministry in a local church? How does the diversity of gifts at College Park help us accomplish our mission?
7. How can you use this passage in the next week to share with an unbeliever or encourage a believer?

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

How does your passion to follow Jesus and help others follow Jesus compare to your passion for other things in this world?

Are there areas of your life that are *out of step* with the mission of “igniting a passion to follow Jesus”? What are they?

What areas of your life are *in step* with the mission of “igniting a passion to follow Jesus”?

NEXT STEPS

Take opportunities to speak the truth in love to a brother or sister in Christ.

Reflect on the gifts that God has given you and ask God to provide opportunities to use your gifts to ignite a passion to follow Jesus.