

## Today's Message

The Plan to Fill All Things

## Today's Main Scripture

Ephesians 4:7-16

## Support Scriptures

Psalms 68:18 | Romans 12:4-8 | 1 Peter 4:10-11

## Big Picture

God's Agenda: To fill creation with His glory via the growth of the body of Christ – the church.

## Big Questions

- Do we all receive the same grace? (v7)
- What is the “therefore” of vs 8 there for?
- Did Jesus descend into Hell? (v9)
- Where have the apostles gone? (v11)
- What is the goal? (v10)
- How do we get there? (v13-15)
- How do we know we've arrived? (v16)

## Self Reflection:

- 1) Eph4:10 speaks of God's desire to fill all things with the presence of Christ. Have there been times or seasons in your life when you could sense Christ's presence filling the room? Your family? Your church? Did that experience want you hungry for more?
- 2) Do you have an optimistic or pessimistic outlook with respect to the future of the church? Are we called to hunker down and be quietly faithful as our world drifts farther from Jesus or are we called to defiantly build something that grows in Christ's name? What does Eph 4:10 imply about the sweep of history?
- 3) Have you ever asked the Holy Spirit to show you where He wants you to grow in maturity? (v13) Have you ever sensed the world's deceitful thinking affecting your outlook? (v14)
- 4) V15 refers to "speaking the truth in love" as a key ingredient for the growth of the body. We often get this wrong. Are you more likely to (1) avoid the difficult truth-filled conversations or (2) find your words lacking the love you intended when you started the conversation?