



Part 11: “The Church at Banwell”  
EPHESIANS 4:1-16

**SERMON NOTES**

1) A comparison:

a) “ \_\_\_\_\_ Christians”

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b) “ \_\_\_\_\_ Christians”

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2) A vision for our church:

a) **EMPHASIZING** the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:18-20)

b) **EXPLORING** \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 3:1-7)

c) **EQUIPPING** \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4:1-16)

d) **EXPANDING** \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 14:15-24)

e) **ELEVATING** \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 2:1-6)

## **LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

- 1) As you consider the illustration of the two ships, which one would best describe your Christian walk? As you consider the higher calling, what causes you to be resistant, what inspires you to step up?
- 2) As Pastor Steve shared a vision for our church this morning, what was your initial response? Of the five parts of the vision for our church, which one resonates with you the most? Which one might you be resistant to?
- 3) As you consider the cost involved in stepping up to fulfill God's calling and this vision for our church, what sacrifices will you need to make? What support will you need to give? In what ways will you need to mature and be equipped?
- 4) What do you envision the outcome being for Banwell Community Church as we commit ourselves to this course ahead?

## **WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS**

As we journey into Holy Week and consider this five-part vision for Banwell, there is much to be in prayer for: the future of our church, people in our circle who need the Lord, spiritual growth in our personal walk with God...

This week Pastor Steve asked us all to take time to pause and fast as we prepare for the future. A simple practice of fasting involves abstaining from fleshly needs so that you can devote time to spiritual needs. Some people will fast from food for 1-3 days (if their health allows), some may fast from hours of watching TV or scrolling on their phone, some may surrender leisure time or plans on their calendar and simply devote that precious time to the Lord. Whatever the case, fasting involves giving up feeding our flesh so that we can devote time to feeding our soul through prayer and God's Word.

As we fast God will lead us, bless us, and strengthen us for the course ahead.

(If you require further guidance as we fast this week, contact Pastor Steve at [steve.amorin@gmail.com](mailto:steve.amorin@gmail.com))