



The Journey of a Thriving Church

[Ephesians 4:13](#)

From the series titled: *God's Glorious Church: Thriving*

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1. The Journey

A. Ephesians 4:1-12 — Called, Unified, Gifted, Equipped

B. Ephesians 4:13

1. The journey is ongoing.

- Patience
- Perseverance
- Presence

2. The journey is about "we."

- It is never only about me.
- "We" is the starting point.
- The journey to "we" will be eventful.

3. The journey has a goal.

2. Our Destination

A. We rally to Jesus. ([2 Timothy 4:2](#))

B. We look like Jesus. ([Matthew 5:48](#); [John 3:3](#); [1 Corinthians 3:3](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:1](#); [Hebrews 5:11-14](#); [James 1:4](#))

C. We live like Jesus.

- We are shepherding and encouraging one another.
- We are diving into the Scriptures together.
- We are taking the Gospel to our neighbors.
- We are declaring God's call to holiness and justice.
- We are living on mission.

The journey moves us together and forward toward Jesus.

***A thriving church rallies to Jesus,
looks like Jesus, and lives like Jesus.***