

## PBF CONNECT GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of Jan 27-Feb.2, 2019

**"God's Growth Plan for the Church"**

**Synopsis :** In Eph.4, Paul shifts into a very practical portion of his letter. He wanted this congregation to know how Christ had gifted the church with leaders & equipped the church to be responsible in its growth and its function. Eph.4:11-16 simply & clearly spells out the active believer's responsibilities to help bring about growth the way God intended.

### Into The Bible:

1. Why are there no more genuine '*apostles & prophets*' in the church today?
2. Why is the distinction between so-called "clergy"& "lay" labels harmful to a church? Is there any way in which it is helpful?
3. What is the meaning behind the word "*equipping*"? (vs.12)
4. What are the characteristics of spiritual children that we need to rid ourselves of? (vs.14)

5. How should we understand the phrase "*speak the truth in love*"  
To do so every once in a while? Or when called upon at bible study?
6. How does a believer develop doctrinal discernment without becoming proud, judgmental or overbearing?
7. How can believers '*grow the body*'? Isn't that the Lord's job?

### Application:

8. Is it ever '*loving*' to set aside essential truth so as not to offend?  
Why? or Why not?
9. How would you respond to a critic who said...  
**"they will know us by our love, not by our doctrinal correctness"**?  
Why is that statement out of balance?