

This is the fourth of four daily circles as the study of Ephesians and the book “Ephesians: Building and Community in Christ” by John Stott. On each of the days we will briefly complete:

- 1) Lesson Tasks: Study the scripture as it is illuminated in our targeted book
- 2) Circle Tasks: Reflect on one of four application principles: Upward, Inward, Downward and Outward
- 3) Inquiring Tasks: Do a little investigating that helps us keep thinking about the principles throughout our day

**Lesson Tasks:** Please read and complete questions Application and Prayer sections in the Chapter “Life of Prayer” Ephesians: Building and Community in Christ by John Stott. Based on the scripture Eph. 1: 22-23 “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way”, Stott asks simply, “What is the role of the church in our life”? Reflect on that question here:



**Circle Tasks:** Every day we focus on one application: Upward, Inward, Downward and Outward. Today we reflect **Outward**—how the Lord uses us outwardly—to serve and help others and to build his Church

- 1) Grace Communion International [published a webpage listing](#) six functions of the church as a worship, spiritual disciplines, discipleship, fellowship, service and evangelism. Do you think community in the church is built as we meet these roles?
- 2) If you had no restrictions on time or resources, what type of service would you like to do in the church—not just your local church but in the church as a whole?
- 3) Do you pray for your local church? What helps you do this, or keeps you from it?

**Inquiring Tasks:**

- 1) Fabulous rerun: Listen to Warehouse Christian Ministries Senior Pastor Louis Neely on “[Prayer in the Book of Acts](#)”
- 2) An [interesting infographic](#) about how we should treat one another. Sweet and simple

**Next Week:** A LIFE OF RESURRECTION

