

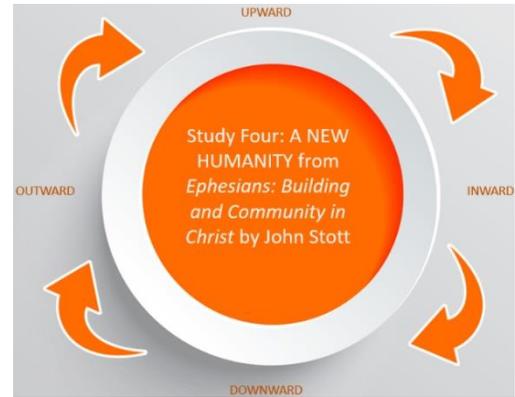


This is the fourth of four daily circles as the study of Ephesians and the book “Ephesians: Building and Community in Christ” by John Stott. On each of the days we will briefly complete:

- 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 9 through the end of the Chapter “A New Ministry” from Ephesians: Building a Community in Christ by John Stott. So far this week we have focused on the hardship of service, the mysteries of God and the fundamental shift inherent in forming an international body of Christ. Today we focus on the centrality of the church in our lives. Ponder the following needs we have in our lives and whether they have been primarily met through your individual relationship with the Lord or through the body of believers, or both:

Need	Through Individual Acts of Faith	Through the Body of Christ
Commit your life to Christ		
Understanding of scripture		
Fellowship		
Prayer		
Worship		
Service		
Communion, Sacraments		



**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) In our weekly lessons we have tackled some lavish truths and prickly challenges: Who we are in Christ, the spiritual blessings in the heavenly realms, our lives as God’s handiwork, the challenges inherent in prejudice, preference and intolerance. In your mind how do your Christian identity, spiritual blessings, call to purpose and renewed tolerance manifest themselves in the Church? Is your part important?
  
- 2) As women of faith, do we have some significant potential in the church? How so?

**Inquiring Tasks:**

- 1) Robert Vellarde, a contributor to Focus on the Family, summarizes [the work of the church](#).
- 2) Ready for a little history: This simple lesson teaches about the [role of the Medieval church](#). There is a video about ½ way through and some nice images.

**Next Week:** A NEW CONFIDENCE

