

Wise Faith

Ephesians 5:15-21

Planning and Improvisation

How should we approach the Christian life?
How should we live as a church?



Ephesians 1:9-10: God's purpose for creation: Unity

Ephesians 3:16-19: God's people are to be filled with God

Therefore walk

In **unity** together.....4:1-16

In **holiness** together.....4:17-32

In **love** together5:1-2

In **light** together.....5:3-14

In **wisdom** together5:15-6:9

This is what it looks like for God's people to join God's work to bring unity to all things under Christ

Ephesians 5:15-21: In wisdom together

The Big Idea

God's plan for cosmic unity in Christ demands skillful and Spirit-filled living

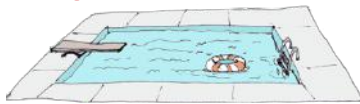
Skillful

What is the current?
What are the risks?
What are the needs?
What are the opportunities?

Spirit-filled ("Spirit full")

The fullness of God in and among us
The fruit of the Spirit
The power of God
The Spirit's leading and wisdom

Then intentionally and diligently pursue what God reveals



Action Item

Live wisely by the Spirit for God together

In our daily lives
In our church together

Spirit-led Strategic Planning

<https://www.crosswaymchurch.org/planning/>

The unchanging foundation

...for such a time as this

Using our limited resources well for God's purposes

Our work together:

- Pray: wisdom, faith, courage, love, filled with the Spirit and the fullness of God
- Congregational input: survey: tiny.cc/cmcsurvey1 Password in email
- Join in implementation & adjustments to pursue God's purposes for us

That for which Christ Jesus took hold of me and us

Philippians 3:12-14

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. Are you more of a planner or an improviser? Why? What is good and bad about that tendency?
2. In these terms, how would you describe your spiritual life?
3. What might it look like for you to live more skillfully?
4. What might it look like for you to live more "Spirit-fully"?

Conversation starters this week

In terms of your spiritual life, do you live with an intentional purpose?

Or do you tend to "go with the flow"?

What might it look like to pursue spirituality with wisdom and skill?

