

## 2017 PURC Family Visitation Guide

### Theme: *Growing Up for Ministry* (Eph 4:1-17)

#### I. Pray for God's blessing.

#### II. Four Key Observations about Eph 4:1-17

##### A. *Our Calling in Christ*

1. v.15, "we are to *grow up* in every way into him who is the head, into Christ..."

##### B. *The Goal of Personal Growth:*

1. v. 16, "[Christ] makes the body grow *so that it builds itself up* in love."

##### C. *What Spiritual Maturity Looks Like:*

1. v.1-3, "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

##### D. *Growth Enables Every Christian to Minister:*

1. v.11-13, "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ"

#### III. Growth and Building Up: *Our Immediate Family*

- A. Aside from attending PURC, what steps are you taking to grow, individually and as a family?
- B. How regularly are prayer and Bible meditation a part of your life?
- C. In what ways do you feel supported or discouraged in making spiritual growth a priority?
- D. How might you or others in the family do better to support one another in spiritual growth?
- E. Are there particular areas which you feel a need to mature in, for which we can counsel or pray?

#### IV. Growth and Building Up: *PURC Family*

- A. In what ways have you grown through the ministry of PURC in the past year?
- B. Can you think of sermon topics to be addressed, or ideas for "rounding out" your growth?
- C. In what ways are you invested in building up the Body, both in terms of relationships and service?

#### V. Growth and Building Up: *Our Mission to the World*

- A. Do you feel unequipped for your mission to the lost? If so, in what ways?
- B. How are you taking part in the saints' "work of ministry" for the sake of unbelievers?

#### VI. Concluding Questions & Prayer

- A. Are there any areas of faith or doctrine that you are presently striving to understand or accept?
- B. Are there any other matters you would like to discuss or receive council for?