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1. What does Paul mean by “grace” in verse 7? Compare to Ephesians 2:4-9 and 3:7-9. Is this all describing the same grace? Explain.
2. What is the nature and purpose of the gifts that Christ gave the church?
3. What are the building blocks of “the fullness of Christ” listed in verse 13? Knowing that “building up” is a process, which of these characteristics are stronger in your life? Which are weaker?

### So What

1. Verse 7 says that “grace was given to each one of us” in the church, meaning that everyone has been given some spiritual gift (see also verse 12). Why is this important to understand? What happens to the “building up the body of Christ” when some of us don’t utilize our gifts? Review 3:10, 21.
2. In verses 11-12, Paul seems to distinguish between apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherd and teachers and the rest of the church, who he calls “the saints”. Why is this distinction important? Do you see yourself as someone to “go and equip” or “go and do the work of the ministry”, or both? Explain. Share some ways others have helped equip you and/or how you have helped equip others.

### Now What

1. List 3-5 talents/gifts you believe you have. Do you have special passion/energy around one or two of those as you consider the work of the ministry IN the church at Hillcrest? How might you use that passion in one of the areas listed on the Serve card in the bulletin?
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