

Facing Our Future

"ISLANDS OF SANITY"

Ephesians 4:11-16



INTRO: WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THIS AGAIN?

1. Churches are _____, and so _____
2. Everybody has their _____

OUR VISION, IN A NUTSHELL

"In a society that is morally and spiritually adrift, and marked by ever-increasing turmoil and suffering, we will be AN ISLAND OF SANITY, experiencing and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

THREE KEY COMPONENTS:

1. This vision is shaped by a _____ of what's happening in our world right now
2. The core image of this vision is actually _____
3. To be this "island" we must _____

WHAT EPHESIANS 4 TELLS US ABOUT ALL THIS:

1. In order for this to happen, we need _____ — in _____ and in _____ (v 11-13)
2. God's goal is that we not be _____ the things we hear and the manipulation we encounter (v 14)
3. The goal of becoming spiritually mature is integrally tied to _____ (v 15)
4. Every one of us _____ (v 16)