



SERMON NOTES

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS!

Acts 15:1-11

Pastor JD Small - July 7-8, 2018

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“While it is true that some have a special responsibility to teach and preach, Paul stresses that every Christian is responsible to build up the church. We have all received grace for ministry and must live worthy of our calling. We are all expected to work to strengthen the church, and only as each person fulfills his or her calling is the church truly strong.”

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Body- a collective group

Maturity- full development; perfected condition

The goal of the Church:

A collective group of individuals fully developed and operating in our perfected condition.

“The unfinished work of the church, is to make sure the entire world has heard about the finished work of the Cross.”- Louie Giglio