

“WHO MAKES DISCIPLES? PART 1”

Ephesians 4:11-16

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I. Who makes disciples? (vv. 11-12)

“he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers”

“to equip the saints”

Christ gives _____ & leaders to make disciples in _____.

Isaiah 52:7

1 Timothy 5:17

“Thus the fellowship where the Word of God is expounded and applied in the power of the Spirit becomes a hospital for the sick and a gymnasium to build up spiritual strength and stamina.” -Sinclair Ferguson

“The church is the common mother of all the godly, which bears, nourishes, and brings up children to God ... and this is done by the ministry.” - John Calvin

II. Are they the only ones who make disciples? (vv. 12-13)

“for the work of ministry”

“for building up the body of Christ”

“to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”

_____ people are _____ to make disciples in church.

Acts 4:31; 8:4-5

Romans. 15:14

Ephesians 3:19; 4:29

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child? -BCO 56-3

"... those relationally intended truths be communicated in a relational manner to those being disciplined." -Charles Dunahoo

"The church's goal is not Christ, but its own maturity in unity which comes from knowing, trusting and growing up into Christ." John Stott

III. What is important about these people? (vv. 14-16)

"speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up"

"may no longer be children"

"tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine"

"by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes"

_____ & _____ help people grow up into Christ.

Genesis 3:1

Hebrews 5:12-13

1 Peter 2:2-3

"... the more Christians grow in Christlike love, the more they will seek to do good to others by the words they speak." -Marshall & Payne

BIG IDEA: Q. Who makes disciples?

A. People committed to truth & love in Christ.