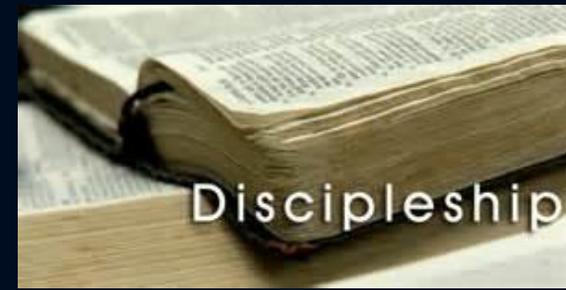


# Biblical Discipleship #1

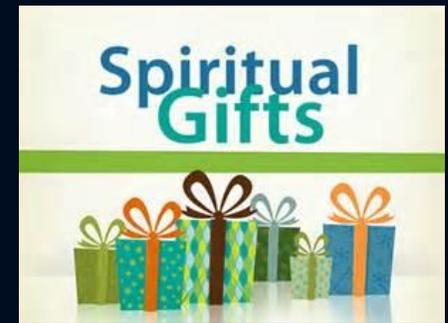
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# Biblical Discipleship??



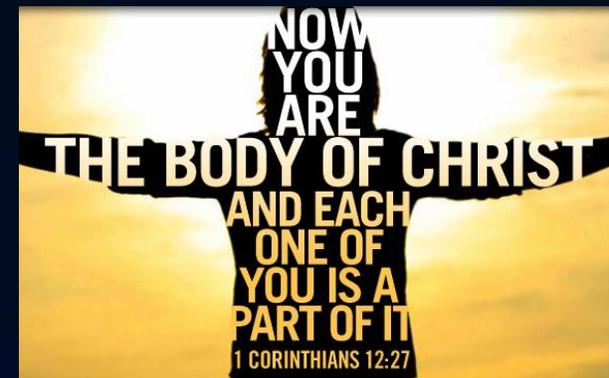
- If I ask you today: How do our people **grow** in church? What will your answer be? How does discipleship happen in our church?
- If the answer is “it kind of just happen...” we may have a problem
- In most churches, the **What** and **Why** is confusing enough, the **How** is even more confusing...
- Let us answer these questions with the Scripture one by one:
- **What** is Biblical discipleship? **Why** do we gather?
- **How** should we exercise biblical discipleship?





## Ephesians 4:11-16

- Discipleship are based on 2 things: Spiritual Gifts & the Bible (v.11), both are given by God
- Notice that these foundational gifts are for the proclaiming of the Scripture, both to believers and unbelievers
- The 2 objectives are very clear:
  - 1) For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry
  - 2) For building up the body of Christ



# Building up to what end??



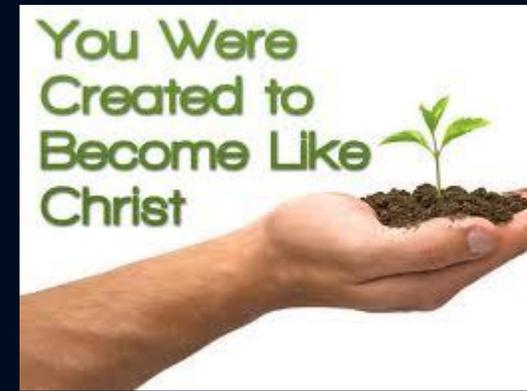
- (v.13) **Faith** (one) + **Knowledge** (relationship) = Church maturity
- From faith to knowledge, then to love (v.16), does it look familiar?

*...to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. (2 Peter 1:5-7)*

- These two passages, coming from two different themes, yet speaking of the same path. (notice to the unity in the Bible)
- However, Paul in Ephesians 4 is not focusing on our personal spiritual growth, rather on the growth of the body of Christ



# Great Commission + Greatest Commandment



You Were  
Created to  
Become Like  
Christ

- (v.13) Ultimate goal = **to be like Jesus** (stature of Christ) see Eph. 4:15, 5:1
- This is the essence of Biblical Discipleship—to bring others to **maturity & Love**, to be like our Lord Jesus
- This is the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20)
- (v.14) The complete opposite—tossed to and fro by every ideas out there
- (v.15) Church Maturity = Speak the **truth** in **love** (see John 1:14), and build up in **love** (v.16) = the Greatest Commandment

# The Greatest Commandment (building up in love)

Knowing  
God

Growing  
in Christ

Going  
to Serve

Unbelievers

New Believers

Mature Believer

The Great Commission (equipping the saints)

- Our discipleship process—Knowing, Growing, & Going
- Do you know our Lord Jesus and daily knowing Him more?
- Do you grow in love and godliness, to be more like Jesus?
- Do you go and bring others to Christ and serve your community?
- In the coming weeks we shall examine this passage and the rest of Ephesians to see how we should fulfill the great commission and greatest commandment in our church 😊
- However, this process must first start in our own lives...are we?

