

Sermon Notes

Series: The Blueprint - The Church God is Building

SESSION 5

A CHURCH THAT EQUIPS

Northwest Church is ON MISSION with Jesus to see the lost saved and disciples made. This is our mission statement and the four words that help summarize HOW we accomplish our mission as a church family are: REACH, RESTORE, EQUIP and SEND. We have discussed what the church is and now we are looking at what the church does – and specifically what we do here at NWC. This week our focus is on how we must be a church that EQUIPS.

Ephesians 4:1-16 – And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

THE LEADERSHIP OF AN EQUIPPING CHURCH (v. 11)

1 Sam 13:19-22 / 2 Kings 24:10-14

THE VISION OF AN EQUIPPING CHURCH (v. 12)

Matthew 28:18-20 – And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

THE RESULT OF AN EQUIPPING CHURCH (v. 13-16)

THE DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY AT NORTHWEST CHURCH

1. DISCIPLESHIP TRACKS

Track 1: Following Jesus / Track 2: Experiencing the Holy Spirit / Track 3: Embracing Spiritual Practices

2. DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

3. DISCIPLESHIP MENTORS

4. IMMERSION DISCIPLESHIP SCHOOL

Biblical Formation / Spiritual Formation / Ministry Formation / Personal Formation

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you been equipped through the local church to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus? In what way?
If not, what is your next step to get more equipped to do what God has called you to do?
2. How are you equipping others to know, follow and serve Jesus Christ?