

# A Disciple-Making Church

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The mission of the Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the Gospel through all the world, and **by making disciples who make disciples.**

Introduction: How should Christ's Mission for the Church shape who Calvary is looking for in its next Lead Pastor?

- I. A Disciple-Making Church has leaders committed to equipping. (Ephesians 4:12)
  
- II. A Disciple-Making Church is committed to maturing in Christ. (Ephesians 4:13)
  
- III. A Disciple-Making Church has people committed to discovering and using their spiritual gifts. (Ephesians 4:16)

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## **'Connecting' Questions:**

- 1) Was there any coach you have known in your past who made a significant impact (positive or negative) upon your life? Briefly describe how that coach impacted you.
- 2) Was there any pastor you have known in your past whom God used to make a significant impact (positive or negative) upon your life? Briefly describe how that pastor impacted you.

## **'Applying the Word' Questions:**

- 1) Read Ephesians 4:11-12 together, taking special note of what the Apostle Paul says the role of a pastor-teacher is to prepare/equip/train God's people for works of service. Dan used the image of a "coach" to describe that role. Discuss what a good coach does and how this describes what Paul says a pastor's role is.
- 2) Read Ephesians 4:13 together. Discuss the ways this verse describes how we should be maturing as followers of Christ and as a church congregation. Discuss what this maturing process should look like in the following spheres that Dan mentioned:
  - Our relationship with Jesus
  - Our relationships in the home
  - Our relationships in the church
  - Our relationships in the world
- 3) Read Ephesians 4:14 together. Discuss how this describes people and churches that aren't committed to a process of spiritually maturing. What are the spiritual dangers of stagnating in our spiritual maturing?
- 4) Read Ephesians 4:16 together. Discuss what it means in the context of a local church that "each part" is connected and "does its work." How is a church 'disabled' when that is not consistently happening?
- 5) In application of Ephesians 4:1-16, how you can pray for each other to continue growing towards maturity in Christ? How can you pray for our church?