

# EQUIPPING DISCIPLES

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+ KINGDOM +

DISCIPLE
MAKERS

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14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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# INTRODUCTION

#### OUR VISION:

To <u>raise up anointed disciple-makers</u> who are empowered to <u>change</u> <u>their world for Christ.</u>

# 2021 IS OUR YEAR OF KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT

#### Luke 12:32 (NIV)

<sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

#### Kingdom Disciple-makers

- •1. How to WIN the Lost (evangelism)
- •2. Building Believers (discipleship)
- •3. Equipping Disciples (ministries of the church)
- •4. Multiply (making more disciples)

#### Equipping Disciples

Big Idea: Ministry in the church leads to the maturity of the church

- 1. Ministry in the church is by everyone, for everyone
- 2. We are equipped to build towards maturity

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# MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH IS BY EVERYONE FOR EVERYONE

- •All are gifted. Eph. 4:7: "But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift."
- •Key gifts. Eph. 4:11: "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,"
- Purpose of gifts. Eph. 4:12: "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,"

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#### WE ARE EQUIPPED TO BUILD TOWARDS MATURITY

- •The goal: maturity. Eph. 4:13: "until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."
- •The result of maturity. Eph. 4:14-16: "14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

