

Growing One Another: Discipleship in the Church (Week 5)

The Means of Discipleship: Teaching One Another

Getting Started:

1. Think about some of the Christians who have taught you the most. What makes them good teachers?

Main Idea:

All Christians are called to speak the truth in love to one another in order to help each other grow up in godliness. One of the chief means by which we grow as disciples is through personal relationships in which we bring the truths of the gospel to bear on the details of life.

Digging in:

Read Romans 15:14-16

1. Do you think Paul would write verse 14 about our church? Why or why not?
2. Why do you think Paul tells the Romans that he is confident that they are able to instruct one another (v. 14)? What do you think Paul expects them to do in response?
3. Do you think of yourself as able to instruct others, and other church members as able to instruct you? Why or why not?

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

4. According to this passage, what is a pastor's responsibility (vv. 11-12)? How is this different from how we often think about "ministry"?

5. Who is responsible to attain to the unity of the faith and to the measure of the fullness of Christ and by what means are we to grow up into Christ? (v. 13, 15)

6. Read verse 16. In this verse Paul teaches that the body of Christ grows as every single part “is working properly.” What are some practical ways that you can help to ensure that other church members are contributing to the body’s growth?

7. How would you describe your role and responsibility as a church member in light of this passage? What should you be consistently striving to do in the church?

Read Titus 2:1-8

8. What is Titus exhorted to teach the older women to do and be like (vv. 3-5)? Why?

9. What are concrete ways women in our church can carry out Paul’s instructions?

10. Based on the rest of Scripture, what do you think Paul would exhort older men to teach younger men? Cite specific passages.

11. Think about all the passages we’ve looked at in this study. How would you summarize their teaching about the ways we grow in godliness?