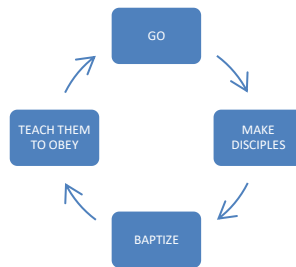


SERMON SERIES: **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **Better Discipleship 4**

TEXTS: Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Tim 2:1-2; 3:10-17

MESSAGE REVIEW: Building Up Disciples



6. The Question: “What NOW?” (Acts 2:12,36,41-42)

The Answer: Devotion & POST-conversion discipleship!

- We TEACH, TRAIN and EQUIP the disciples we make (Mat 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42)
- Just as there is a HUMAN element in making disciples, there is a HUMAN element in building them up (Acts 8:31-32; 22:16; Rom 10:14-17; 15:14; 1 Cor 3:6; Col 3:16; 1 Th 5:11)
- A weakness in “follow-up” teaching STUNTS the GROWTH of the Lord’s church (Heb 5:11-14)

7. HOW do we “build up” disciples?

- SHOW, TELL & TRAIN on the home front. (Deut 6:6-9; Eph 6:4; 2 Tim 1:5; 3:14-17)
- Purposeful, Biblical PREACHing, TEACHing, ENCOURAGing and being good EXAMPLES in the church setting. (Acts 2:42; 1 Tim 4:6-8,11-13; 1 Pet 5:3b; Heb 13:7; 10:24-25; Col 3:16)

c. LEADERS equip _____ to _____ to each other and “others” (Eph 4:11-16). WHAT FOR?

- For _____ the church (1 Thes 5:11)
- For _____ the church (in “the faith,” in “the knowledge of the Son of God”—Eph 4:4-6)
- For _____ the church (to be _____ grown up, _____ Christ; and, _____ functional— _____ member doing _____ “part!”)

d. Individual, spiritual _____:

- The Discipling _____/Model: Mark 1:17; 3:13-14; Luke 6:40; Mat 10:8; 28:19-20
Jesus → the Twelve
- The Discipling Chain: 2 Tim 2:1-2; 3:10-11; 1 Cor 11:1
Barnabas → _____ → Timothy → “ _____ men” → _____, ad infinitum ...

e. The three main tasks of personal discipleship:

- _____ing the w_____ of Christ (John 8:31)
- _____ing in the w_____ of Christ (Mat 11:29a)
- _____ing the w_____ of Christ (Mat 11:29b)

MESSAGE WRAP-UP: Church, being a “disciple” isn’t some new way or alternative way to be a true Christian, it is the _____ way and the _____ way! **John 8:31; 13:34-35; 15:8**