

March 22 – The Church: Multiplying Our Ministry – Chuck Hiatt

Ephesians 4:11-16

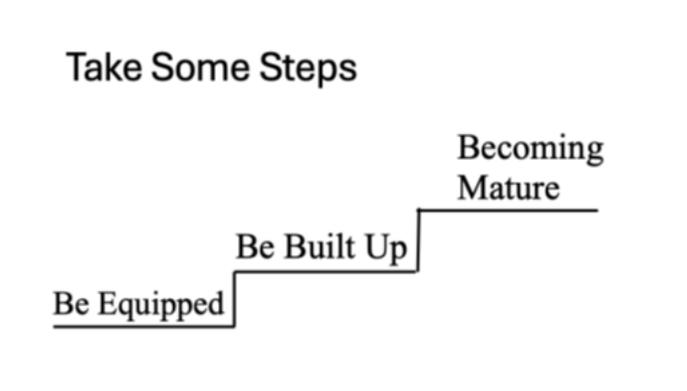
Structure of the text:

- Since . . .
- If . . .
- Then . . .
- Therefore . . .

Christ Appoints Five Offices for the Church

1. Apostles as foundational leaders in First Century
2. Prophets provide guidance, correction and encouragement
3. Evangelists who passionately share the gospel
4. Pastors as servant leaders and shepherds
5. Teachers who deepen understanding of scripture

How Ministry Gets Multiplied – Eph 4:11-13



Stair Steps to Maturity and Service

- Corporate – we need each other
- Lifelong – no “cheat codes” to rapid rising maturity
- Inside a united body of believers
- Pastors and teachers
- Spiritual gifts
- Sound doctrine
- Teachable Spirits

Great Outcomes – Eph 4:14-16

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

What Pastors /Teachers Do

- Understand your challenges
- Pushes you to get better

What Equipped Saints Do

- Seek, Discover and Obey your Calling
- At age 9 or 18 or 89 – same Question – what do i do with the rest of my life

What We Do Together

- Great Commission: Mt. 28:19-20
- Great Commandment : “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself” Mt. 22, Mark 12 and Luke 10

What God Does

Get on the 3:20 Express

•²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.