
SERMON OUTLINE

Multiply: It takes a church to make disciples

- I. The Ephesians church was a discipling church.
 - A. AD 52 – Paul entrusted his disciples Aquila and Priscilla to help start the Ephesian church (Acts 18:18-21).
 - B. AD 53-55 – Ephesus became a discipling center for Asia, as Paul spent 2- 3 years there (Acts 19:1-10).
 - C. AD 57 – Paul met with the elders encouraging as they now made disciples (Acts 20:17-38).
 - D. AD 61 – Paul wrote *Ephesians* from prison.

- II. A discipling church utilizes everyone to make disciples (Ephesians 4:11-16).
 - A. Leaders in the body – God gives leaders to the church to equip each person to serve (Ephesians 4:11-12a).
 - *God doesn't ask leaders to disciple everyone but to equip everyone to make disciples.*
 - B. Everyone in the body – God gives spiritual gifts to the whole church to help disciple all believers (4:12b-16).
 1. Discipling is a group project in which disciples together increasingly resemble Christ (12b-13)
 - A body grows best when all parts are growing simultaneously.
 2. A discipling church is a mature church (14-16).
 - People are confident in God's word when they hear falsehood from the culture (14).
 - People get along relationally because they speak the truth with a loving attitude (15).
 - Christ is glorified because people realize this maturity and unity comes from Him (16).