

Gospel for Life

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God's Truth Transmission Mechanism is Disciple-making

We are thanking the Lord for these new disciples in the San Diego area. How gratifying to work with new believers who are hungry to grow spiritually. One of the first things we are teaching them is that God has a 'truth transmission mechanism'. Yes, His truth is to be transmitted from faithful man to faithful man (2 Tim 2:2). This life-on-life process is an intentional journey to spiritual maturity that is inseparable from devotion to Christ himself.

"Our Lord calls us to live out our relationship to Himself in a supra-cultural structure of mutual edification."

Thus, we can't treat discipleship as a nonorganic program because in Christ the members of His body exist to nurture disciples. Jesus defines our mission as the process of discipleship (Mt 28:18-20).

Therefore, all ministry exists to bring believers to maturity, and to thereby achieve the multiplication of disciples. This is where our faithfulness is so vital because in discipleship, we are not only passing on truth, we are passing on what we are, namely, growing believers who love and obey their Savior.

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Jay is blessed to be taking some new believers through the glories of the gospel in the book of Ephesians.

The very essence of our missional purpose is to multiply genuine Christ-followers. Our relationships in the body exist to teach one another to obey Christ. That's when and where true discipleship takes place. A pastor I have discipled has new members sign a *spiritual maturity covenant*. That document spells out the fact that helping others in their spiritual growth is inseparable from church membership.

"Every member is to be committed to the goal of presenting each believer mature in Christ (Col 1:28-29)."

What a concept, an every-member ministry, with no spectators! Of course, this is precisely our Savior's blueprint for His church spelled out in Ephesians chapter 4.

GFL emails a monthly article on Christian living. Our latest two-part article (May-June) addresses a critical issue so essential in our post-Christian culture: "The Self-attesting **Authority of the Holy Scriptures."** If you'd like to subscribe, please email Jay at jaywegter@gmail.com.

We are grateful for your support in prayer and gifts to help fulfill our mission to raise up disciple-makers. Jay, Michele and the GFL Team