

What do we learn from Eph 4:11-16 about making and becoming Better Disciples of Jesus?

Eph 4:11-16 ESV *And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

1. Making Better Disciples is empowered by Jesus vs 11

- **God is the one who makes us grow**

2. Making Better Disciples is a call for every believer vs12

3. Making Better Disciples is building Christ's Church V12

- **Are you building up the body?**
- **Are you building up unbelievers?**

4. Becoming Better Disciples requires unity v13

- *John 17:20-23 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

5. Becoming Better Disciples requires knowledge of Jesus vs13

- **Lie 1) Knowledge of Jesus is maturity**
- **Lie 2) I don't need knowledge to know Jesus**

- **The Truth: To have true knowledge of Christ is to have a relationship with Him**

6. Becoming Better Disciples requires love v15-16

- **What does it mean to become a “better disciple” of Jesus?**
 - We become better disciples of Jesus, by making better disciples of Jesus.