

NXT 10
Believing to Become
Ephesians 4:11-16

Steps toward Maturity

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Christian COMMUNITY functioning through rich DIVERSITY produces Spiritual MATURITY.

Ephesians 4:11–16 (ESV) — And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to

equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 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, 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. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 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. MINISTRY – We all have a responsibility within the body

Ephesians 4:11–12a (ESV) — And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry...

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV) — But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 4:10–11 (ESV) — As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

2. HONESTY – We are all on this journey and none have yet arrived

Ephesians 4:12b (ESV) —... For building up the body of Christ ...

Philippians 1:6 (ESV) — And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

3. COMMUNITY – We will go farther together than we will alone

Ephesians 4:13 (ESV) — ... 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

Matthew 16:18 (ESV) — And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

4. STABILITY – Our difficult journey will be made easier when done together

Ephesians 4:14 (ESV) — 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.

When one falls out of formation...

- ***The overall group is weakened***
- ***The individual faces greater difficulty***
- ***Someone needs to go help and protect***

Galatians 6:1–2 (ESV) — Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

5. INTEGRITY – We must always encourage one another in love along the journey

Ephesians 4:15 (ESV) — Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ

Ephesians 4:29 (ESV) — Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

6. HARMONY – We are dependent upon each other to finish the journey together

Ephesians 4:16 (ESV) — 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.

Romans 12:16 (ESV) — Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Colossians 3:14 (ESV) — And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

PRAY: A HOUSE OF PRAYER....

- **Established Rhythms of Prayer:**
 - 10 Days of Prayer-August (Fall)
 - 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting-January (First)
- **Seasonal Prayers for the Church**
 - Hangers
 - Digital Prompts
- **Extended Prayer time in Gatherings**
 - Focused Prayer
 - The Church Family Blessing
 - Linger Nights

REACH: A CULTURE OF SOUL-WINNING

- **Passionate Pursuit of Far from God People**
 - Think One
 - “Love Where You Live” Strategy
 - “Love Out Loud” Strategy
- **Believe for & Live Toward seeing 2000 People Saved & Baptized**
 - Raised to Life Sundays
- **Invest 8 million+ Dollars through OneHope to Finish the Task**
 - Current Mission Strategy
 - Strategic Investments in Movements

IMPACT: THE NEXT GENERATION

- **Relentless pursuit of the Next Generation**
 - Kids-Empower parents to disciple their kids to love God's Word, grow their faith, and share the gospel
 - Students- Identify 120 Calls to ministry and missions within our student body

- **College- 80% of our students remain connected to a local church throughout their college career.**
- **Next Generation Sundays**
 - **4 Strategic Sundays**
 - **Expressions of the Next Generation everywhere.**
 - **Host, Worship, Reading the Word, etc.**
- **20's & 30's Married**
 - **Believe for....200+ New Couples: Membership, Group**

- **Revitalization of Churches**

NEXT RIGHT STEPS:

- **BE A PART OF WHO WE ARE BECOMING**
- **BE A FIRSTFRUITS GIVER**

BUILD: THE BLESSED FAMILY Men & Women

- **Premarital Plan**
- **Marriage**
- **Blended**
- **Parenting**
- **Grandparenting:**
- **Adoption/Fostering**

BELONG: A HEALTHY CHURCH

- **Groups: 70% of our faith family belong to a group**
- **Teams: 2,000 of our church members belong to a team**

DEVELOP: A LEADERSHIP PIPELINE

- **Intern Program (Summer & 9-month)**
- **Worship Training Program**

MULTIPLY: A Family of Churches

- **Immediate, Extended, Kindred (20 Churches)**
- **Church Planting & Revitalization Strategy**
 - **Partnering with Church Planters**
 - **Planting Churches**

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Ingredients for Spiritual Maturity

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