

Helping People Become Wholehearted Followers of Christ

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

"Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

Christianity is not for loners or individualists.

Matthew 28:19 (ESV)

"... make disciples of all nations..."

John 13:34-35 (ESV)

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Mark 12:28-31 (NIV)

"One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, 'Of all the commandments, which is the most important? The most important one: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

1 John 4:19 (ESV)

"We love because he first loved us."

"It is very easy to build churches in which seekers congregate; it is very hard to build churches in which biblical faith is maturing into genuine discipleship."

- David Wells

Colossians 2:2-3, 6-7 (NIV)

- "My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
- "... continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

"... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,"