

## **SERIES: DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS**

**TITLE:** Releasing Believers to Ministry and Functioning as a Healthy Team

**TEXT:** Ephesians 4:11–16

**MESSAGE BY:** Pastor Tim

- I. We equip every believer to serve the Lord.
  - A. We train and equip for ministry. (v. 12; 4:7; 1 Cor. 12:4–11)
  - B. We train them to fight for unity. (v. 13, 16; 4:3; Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 1:27; 1 Pet. 3:8)
  - C. We teach and pray so they develop spiritual intimacy. (v. 13a; John 6:68–69; Eph. 3:14–19; Phil. 3:10)
  - D. We equip and train toward maturity. (v. 13; Col. 1:28; 1 Cor. 14:20; Heb. 5:11–14)
  - E. We equip and train for stability. (v. 14–16; Hosea 6:4; Heb. 13:9; James 1:6)
- II. We expect every member to function as a team.
  - A. Unity is essential to our spiritual health. (John 17:11, 20–23)
  - B. Disunity threatens the life of church and destroys our witness to the world. (Phil. 2:1–4; 4:1–3)
  - C. Unite together under Christ demonstrating love. (Eph. 4:15–16)

### **Take Aways:**

1. We will abide in Christ.
2. We will reach the lost.
3. We will connect the unconnected.
4. We will chase the strays.
5. We will shepherd our people toward maturity.
6. We will equip and release leaders.
7. We will function as a team.