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Sermon Based Studies

Members Study Guide

Equipping One Another

Colossians 1:28-29; Ephesians 4:11-13

Text: Colossians 1:28-29

"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

Ephesians 4:11-13

"¹And 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"

Getting to know me

1. What kind of training or education did you have in order to prepare you for the work that you are doing (or did, if you are now retired)?
2. How did the movie clip from "Mr. Holland's Opus" speak to you?

Into the Bible

1. In Colossians 1:28, Paul says that he is warning and teaching. What is the difference between these? How do they help to equip us?
2. If Paul's goal is "fully mature in Christ" what does that look like?

3. According to Eph. 4:11-13, if the saints are to be equipped for the work of the ministry, how would you divide that between pastors and lay people? In other words, what should the pastors do and what should the church members/attenders do?

4. In Eph. 4:12-13, there is another description of the goals of equipping. List these and describe (and talk about them in your group) what these look like in real life terms.

Application Questions

1. How do you measure on the maturity scale in the areas that Pastor Rick talked about?
2. What could you do to help equip someone else?
3. What do you need to do to become better equipped?
4. Is there someone that could help you become better equipped?