

Ministry Philosophy

Equipping the saints

- **Ephesians 4:11-16** And [God] 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.

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- **And [God] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip [each professing Christian man and woman in the church] for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ ...**
- God gave Discovery Church a pastor of family ministries to equip each professing Christian man and woman in the Church for the work of family ministry, for building up the parents, grandparents and children who make up the body of Christ.

Parent Primacy

- **Deuteronomy 6:1-9** “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, 2 that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

Parent Primacy

- 4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And
these words that I command you today **shall be on
your heart.** 7 **You shall teach them diligently to
your children,** and shall talk of them when you sit in
your house, and when you walk by the way, and when
you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind
them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as
frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on
the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Our Sin Is An Asset

- **1 Timothy 1:12-17** I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13 though formerly **I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent.** But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ **Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.** 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, **Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience** as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Beholding Christ

- **1 John 3:1-2** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that **when he appears we shall be like him**, because we shall see him as he is.
- **2 Cor 3:18** says “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.”

Beholding the Gospel

- **2 Peter 1:5-9** For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For **whoever lacks these qualities** is so nearsighted that he is blind, **having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.**

Sharing Life

- **1 Thessalonians 2:5-8** For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8 **So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves**, because you had become very dear to us.

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