

RESOLUTE Together

RESOLUTE TOGETHER: JOINING THE MISSION

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SUMMARY

The 4-week series, Resolute Together, explores the four core commitments of TBC membership: protecting the unity of the church, joining the mission of the church, supporting the life of the church, and serving the ministry of the church. The challenge for TBC is not whether we should be resolute, but how we can ensure we stand resolute together as a church family. This week, we ask, “Will we join the mission of the church?”

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ And he 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.

UNDERSTANDING THE LONG SENTENCE

And [Christ] gave [equipping gifts/roles]...to equip the saints...until we all attain [three outcomes]...so that we won't be children...but we will grow up into Christ...so that [the Church] is built up in love.

AW Tozer from God's Pursuit of Man

"May not the inadequacy of much of our spiritual experience be traced back to our habit of skipping through the corridors of the kingdom like children through the marketplace, chattering about everything, but pausing to learn the true value of nothing."

THREE OUTCOMES OF A CHURCH ON MISSION

Unity

Maturity

Christlikeness

AT TBC, WE AIM TO EQUIP YOU TO...

Learn to know God

Live Together in Biblical Community

Lead Others to do the Same

AW Tozer from God's Pursuit of Man

"In my creature impatience I am often caused to wish that there were some way to bring modern Christians into a deeper spiritual life painlessly by short, easy lessons; but such wishes are vain. No shortcut exists. God has not bowed to our nervous haste nor embraced the methods of our machine age. It is well that we accept the hard truth now: The [one] who would know God must give time to Him. He must count no time wasted which is spent in the cultivation of His acquaintance. He must give himself to meditation and prayer hours on end. So did the saints of old, the glorious company of the apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets and the believing members of the holy church in all generations. And so must we if we would follow in their train."

LIVE TOGETHER IN BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

1x1 - Personal Discipleship

Groups (Life Groups, Affinity Groups, Serving Teams, etc...)

LEAD OTHERS TO DO THE SAME

Sharing & Inviting

Using Our Gifts

Disciple-Making

SIT WITH GOD IN HIS WORD

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who do you credit for having the biggest impact on your understanding of the Bible?
2. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. According to Ephesians 4:11-13, why did Christ give different leaders and ministries to the church, and what does this teach us about every believer's role in disciple-making?
3. In verses 12-13, what are the marks of a spiritually mature disciple, and which of those areas do you most want to grow in right now?
4. Ephesians 4:14 warns against spiritual instability and deception. How do Bible studies, discipleship relationships, and biblical community help believers stay grounded in truth?
5. Verse 15 says we are to speak "the truth in love." Why are both truth and love necessary for healthy disciple-making relationships and life groups?
6. According to verse 16, every member of the church contributes to the growth of the body. Where do you currently see yourself participating in the mission of helping others know God, live in biblical community, and lead others to do the same?
7. What is one practical next step you can take to more fully join that mission through personal discipleship, a life group, Bible study, or an equipping ministry?
8. How did God get your attention most from the sermon or passage this week?

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