

PBC Men's Ministry

Wednesday Night Study

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The Purpose of PBC – The purpose of Primera Baptist Church is to glorify God by reaching and developing people into fully devoted followers of Christ.

Eph 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

Eph 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Eph 4:13 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, ESV.

v. 12-Paul indicates here that one of the foremost purposes for which Christ gives gifted leaders to the church is for them to train, equip and prepare the whole body of Christ to do the work of ministry. The model where professional ministers do most of the ministry is not a New Testament model. Every member in the body of Christ is to be trained and released for ministry in some sphere so that multiplication, edification and growth may occur in the church according to the New Testament pattern.

Discussion;

v.13-Unity in the faith, in chapter 4 Paul teaches that the “Unity of the Spirit” (v.3) and the “unity of faith” are maintained and perfected by: 1) accepting only the faith and message of the New Testament apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (vv. 11-12). 2) Growing in grace, advancing towards spiritual maturity. 3) No longer being children who accept “every wind of teaching” 4) holding and speaking the revealed truth of Scripture in love (v.15) and 5) living in true righteousness and holiness (v. 24; cf. vv. 17-32)

Lets read Ephesians 4:17-25. Close in prayer and ask God for direction in your life. We all have a place in the body of Christ.