

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of September 25th, 2016



Key Scriptures:

Ephesians 4:11–12 (NIV)

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

2 Timothy 4:1–5 (ESV)

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Discussion questions from this week's sermon

Of the list of leadership roles given in verse 11 what type of leader has impacted your life the most? Within NCMI can you think of names that go with each of these five roles?

How do apostles & prophets build up the body of Christ? How have you seen them building people up within our church?

Describe an evangelist that has been memorable to you, what were they like?

In what ways have pastors & teachers been used in your life to *equip* you?

In verse 11 it says "*Christ himself gave*" us these leaders. **Do you believe that the leaders in your life have been put there by Christ? Does this verse apply to them?**

In 2 Timothy 4:1-5 Paul warns of the seriousness of a leader's task to Christ's people. **With the previous question in mind how must we react to the "*reproves, rebukes, and exhortations*" from our leaders? Can you think of a healthy example?**

If you're a part of a church family that does not "*reprove, rebuke, and exhort*" – is that healthy? Do you think people look for churches that will challenge them? Do you?

How would you know if you are being "*called*" into one of these leadership roles? How have you seen leaders put in place within NCMI or Oceanside?

What do you see as your work of service? Have you received all of the equipping that you need to carry it out?