

## Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016



### Key Scripture:

**Ephesians 4:13 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> 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.

### Discussion Questions:

Unity seems to be a big deal in Ephesians 4, but that word can seem ambiguous in its application. **In verse 13 what does “unity of the faith” actually mean? Why does it keep coming up?**

When a teen first learns to drive it often feels to them as the pinnacle of maturity. **What did you find most daunting when moving out from your parent’s house or financial covering?**

**What is the world’s idea of “mature manhood”?**

“...mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” presents a vast and grand image of what we all should be growing into. **What should mature manhood mean to us? What would your life look like if you were mature just like Jesus was and is?**

We know what it means to mature in our bodies, personalities, careers & finances. **What does the daily life of someone who is growing up spiritually into Christ look like?**

As this is an ongoing process within each of us, it’s just like at the gym when we strain to build muscle. **Does growth always seem to come out of difficulty or a labor? Do some gains come quicker than others?**

**In what areas do you feel that God is growing you currently?**

**Is it possible to backslide out of maturity?**

Instead of being given a list of rules to follow, we are given a person, who is Jesus, God’s own Son. **Why is maturity centered on Him? Wouldn’t a list of rules to follow be better?**

On Sunday Nathan compared someone who is trying to be truly mature without knowing Jesus to be like someone who is trying to describe or understand what honey tastes like without ever having tasted it. **Why is knowing and having an ongoing relationship with Jesus paramount in our Christian walk?**

**Is the unity of a church equal to the Christ-likeness of those who call it home?**

Sometimes it seems impossible to attain to the level of Christ-likeness given here. **How can we keep from getting discouraged on this journey?**