Following Jesus - Discipleship

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Ephesians 4:11-16 And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of 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 a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

1.	An Invitation
	Ephesians 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the
	Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the
	fullness of Christ.
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	 "Does going to church make us want to know God more or use God more?" Matthew 22:36-37 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your
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2.	An Expectation
	Ephesians 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.
	- A disciple is of Jesus.
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	Romans 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined <i>to become</i> conformed to the image of His Son
	1 Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
3.	An Opportunity

	Ephesians 4:14-15 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all <i>aspects</i>
	- A disciple is Matthew 28:20 "teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
	John 14:23-26 If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. 25 These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.
4.	A Call Ephesians 4:15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all <i>aspects</i> into Him who is the head, <i>even</i> Christ.
	- A disciple is one to Jesus as Lord.
	Romans 10:9-10 if you confess with your mouth Jesus <i>as</i> Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
5.	A Privilege Ephesians 4:15-16 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all <i>aspects</i> into Him who is the head, <i>even</i> Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.
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	Romans 12:11 Never be lazy but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. (NLT)