

# TOOL TIME!

—from Ephesians 4:11-16 (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 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## What has Jesus done?

- \* Christ has given apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers

## For what purpose?

- \* To equip his people  
Kataartismos; Matthew 4:21 "mending their nets," 1 Corinthians 1:10, "perfectly joined together"  
1 Thessalonians 3:10, Hebrews 13:21

## Why?

- \* For works of service  
Greek "ergon" = work! Matthew 5:16, Mark 13:34, 1 Corinthians 3:13-15
- \* So that the body of Christ may be built up  
Greek "oikodomé" = oikos (house) doméo (to build); Matthew 24:1, Mark 13:1, Romans 14:19, 1 Corinthians 3:9

## What's the end goal?

- \* We all reach unity in the faith—Unity in Essentials, Dialogue in Differences  
[www.efca.org](http://www.efca.org)<<http://www.efca.org/>> click on "What We Believe"
- \* We all reach unity in the knowledge of the Son of God  
John 1:14, 3:16
- \* We all become mature  
Ephesians 4:14-15

## Christ gave you Pastor Jeff, Pastor Kerry, other teachers.

In what ways have those people equipped you?

What specific skills, or aspects of life, have these teachers challenged you in?

What are you doing . . . ?

Are the things you are doing getting CCF, or the church at large, to build up the body of Christ?

Are the things that you are doing accomplishing the goals of unity in faith and unity in the knowledge of Christ?