

## **“Step Up”**

### **Ephesians 4:13**

#### **INTRO:**

“Attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

- Theme for the year
- Repeat every service
- Take a closer look

**MOVE #1** - This what God wants for all believers

#### Questions

- What does that look like?
- How do we get there?
- What gets in the way?
- How do we overcome?

Response: Let's step up

- To what God has called us to
- To Christlikeness in every part of our lives
- To the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

#### **TRANSITION:**

- It's what God wants for individual Christians
- Not the point of the passage.

- Read Ephesians 4:11-16

## **MOVE#2** – This what God wants for the Church

### Questions

- What does that look like?
- How do we get there?
- What gets in the way?
- How do we overcome?

### Response: Let's step up

- To what God has called us to
- To Christlikeness in every part of the Church
- To the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

### **TRANSITION:**

- It's what God wants for individual Christians
- It's what God wants for the Church
- It's also what God wants for those who don't know Him yet

## **MOVE#3** – This what God wants for the not-yet Christians

### Questions

- What do they look like?
- How do we reach them?
- What gets in our way?

- How do we overcome?

**Example:** Emmaus Church Community in Lincoln, CA. Started in July 2004. Here are their guiding principles:

- A Different Vision: Shaping city vs. building church. What would Church look like if, instead of asking, “What’s our vision for our church?” we asked, “What’s God’s vision for Lincoln, California?” and “How could a community of people help to actualize the Kingdom of God in this City?”
- A Different Focus: Living life vs. doing church. What would Church look like if, instead of asking, “How should I get involved in church?” people asked, “How should I live my life?”
- A Different Strategy: Developing friendships vs. starting programs. What would Church look like, instead of meeting needs with programs, we sought to meet needs primarily through relationships?”

## **CONCLUSION**

Response: Let’s step up

- To what God has called us to do and be
- To Christlikeness in every part of the world
- To the whole measure of the fullness of Christ