

# UNITED

## A STUDY IN EPHESIANS

### Week 4 "Equipped" – How Does Being Equipped Build Us Up?

Pastor Jeff Little, October 3-4

#### TABLE TOPICS

- Select one or two "Table Topics" cards to discuss with your group.

#### WARM UP

- What's something important you felt ill-equipped to handle?

#### INTRODUCTION

We all feel ill-equipped to face certain challenges. The question is: What do you do? Ephesians 4 teaches us that God's plan is to equip you through the Church. Today, let's talk about how God uses the Church to equip us, and how we can use our gifts to help others.

#### DISCUSSION

1. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. According to these verses, why does God give "apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers" to the Church?
2. Read Ephesians 4:14,15, and 16. Stop after each verse to ask: What is the result when God's people are equipped?
3. Have you ever thought about going to church to get equipped for life? Why or why not?
4. In what areas can the Church help equip you? Is it only spiritual?
5. Have you ever served in the church and found that it developed you in areas you could use outside the church? Explain.
6. How grounded are you in the truth of God's Word? How can you grow in this area?
7. What are you gifted at, and how could you use your gifts in the local church?

#### **Ephesians 4:11-13a (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...*

#### APPLICATION

What is the greatest area you need to be equipped in right now? How can the church help equip you in that area?

#### PRAYER

- Pray for each person in your group to serve and use their gifts in the church. Also, pray that everyone would be built up and equipped in their faith this week.
- **SERVE PROJECT** – Last week you talked about finding "who" you will serve for your project. This week, discuss any people or needs God revealed during the week. Pick one of those needs and determine "what" you will do. Be sure to let us know! Please register your serve project at [milestonechurch.com/unity](https://milestonechurch.com/unity).
- Take prayer requests and pray for any needs in the group.