

# **Bible Study Guide: Equipped for Purpose – Discovering How God Uses You**

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## **Big Idea**

**God has uniquely equipped every believer with spiritual gifts—not just to attend church, but to actively build His kingdom and live out their faith daily.**

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## **Theme**

**The Christian life is not passive; it is a calling to be equipped, empowered, and actively engaged in serving others and advancing the gospel.**

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## **Core Scripture**

### **Ephesians 4:11–12**

“Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”

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## **Introduction: More Than Sunday Faith**

Many people believe:

- Church is something you attend once a week

But Scripture teaches:

- Faith is lived every day

### **Key Insight:**

“God is not just calling you to sit in church—He is calling you to be used.”

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## **Main Point 1: God Has Equipped You**

### **Explanation**

Every believer:

- Has been given gifts

### **Spiritual Truth**

You are:

- Not accidental
- Not unused

You are:

- Equipped for purpose

“Christ equips His people for works of service.”

### **Application**

- Do I believe I am equipped?
- Am I using my gifts?

### **Sticky Quote:**

“You are equipped for a reason.”

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## **Main Point 2: Faith Is Meant to Be Active**

### **Explanation**

Christianity is not:

- Passive
- Observational

It is:

- Active
- Participatory

### **Spiritual Truth**

Faith requires:

- Movement

- Engagement

“It’s not just Sunday—it’s your whole life.”

### **Application**

- How am I living my faith daily?
- Where am I inactive?

### **Sticky Quote:**

“Faith moves—it doesn’t sit.”

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## **Main Point 3: The Fivefold Ministry (APEST)**

God equips His church through five key roles:

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### **1. Apostles – The Pioneers**

#### **Focus Question**

- *Where has God not been reached yet?*

#### **Role**

- Expand the kingdom
- Go into new places

#### **Application**

- Do I feel called to reach new people or areas?

## **Sticky Quote:**

“Apostles go where others won’t.”

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## **2. Prophets – The Truth Speakers**

### **Focus Question**

- *Are we still aligned with God?*

### **Role**

- Call people back to God
- Speak truth with love

### **Application**

- Do I speak truth when it’s needed?

## **Sticky Quote:**

“Prophets call hearts back to God.”

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## **3. Evangelists – The Messengers**

### **Focus Question**

- *Who is missing and how do we reach them?*

### **Role**

- Share the gospel

- Bring others to Jesus

### **Application**

- Who in my life needs to hear the gospel?

### **Sticky Quote:**

“Evangelists bring people to Jesus.”

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## **4. Pastors (Shepherds) – The Caregivers**

### **Focus Question**

- *Who needs care, healing, and belonging?*

### **Role**

- Care for people
- Build community

### **Application**

- Who can I support and encourage?

### **Sticky Quote:**

“Shepherds care for the flock.”

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## **5. Teachers – The Truth Builders**

### **Focus Question**

- *Do we understand what we believe and why?*

## **Role**

- Teach Scripture
- Build understanding

## **Application**

- Am I growing in God's Word?

## **Sticky Quote:**

“Teachers ground us in truth.”

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## **Main Point 4: The Church Works Together**

### **Explanation**

No one person:

- Has all the gifts

### **Spiritual Truth**

The church:

- Is a body
- Works together

“Everyone has a role to play.”

### **Application**

- How do I contribute to the body?
- Am I depending on others?

**Sticky Quote:**

“Together, we are stronger.”

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**Main Point 5: Don't Put Everything on One Leader**

**Explanation**

Many expect:

- The pastor to do everything

**Spiritual Truth**

Ministry is:

- Shared

**Application**

- Am I relying too much on others?
- How can I step in?

**Sticky Quote:**

“The church is everyone's responsibility.”

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**Main Point 6: Your Gift Shapes Your Passion**

## **Explanation**

Your natural pull:

- Reveals your gifting

## **Spiritual Truth**

What excites you spiritually:

- Points to your role

“Your heart reveals your calling.”

## **Application**

- What excites me about faith?
- Where do I feel called?

## **Sticky Quote:**

“Passion reveals purpose.”

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## **Main Point 7: Small Acts Have Big Impact**

### **Explanation**

Even simple actions:

- Matter

### **Spiritual Truth**

God uses:

- Everyday moments

“You never know the impact of one act.”

### **Application**

- What small step can I take today?

### **Sticky Quote:**

“Small acts can change lives.”

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## **Main Point 8: Spiritual Growth Requires Participation**

### **Explanation**

Growth doesn't happen:

- By watching

### **Spiritual Truth**

Growth happens:

- By doing

“You grow when you engage.”

### **Application**

- Where do I need to engage more?

**Sticky Quote:**

“Participation leads to growth.”

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**Main Point 9: The Goal Is Maturity in Christ**

**Explanation**

God desires:

- Spiritual maturity

**Spiritual Truth**

Maturity means:

- Living like Jesus

**Application**

- Am I growing spiritually?
- What needs development?

**Sticky Quote:**

“Maturity reflects Christ.”

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**Main Point 10: The Mission Is Bigger Than You**

**Explanation**

God's plan:

- Extends beyond you

## **Spiritual Truth**

You are part of:

- Something greater

“God's mission is bigger than one person.”

## **Application**

- How can I be part of God's mission?

## **Sticky Quote:**

“You are part of a greater story.”

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## **Discussion Questions**

1. Which of the five roles do you resonate with most?
  2. How has God equipped you to serve others?
  3. Are you living out your faith daily or only weekly?
  4. Where can you begin serving right now?
  5. How can you help build up the church?
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## **Practical Application Steps**

## **1. Identify Your Gifting**

- Reflect on your spiritual passion

## **2. Get Involved**

- Take a step to serve

## **3. Grow Spiritually**

- Study Scripture and pray

## **4. Support Others**

- Work together as a body

## **5. Live It Daily**

- Make faith a lifestyle

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## **Closing Prayer**

Father,  
Thank You for equipping us  
with purpose and calling.

Help us to discover our gifts,  
use them faithfully,  
and serve others with love.

Teach us to live our faith daily  
and build Your kingdom together.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## **Final Takeaway**

**You were never meant to just attend church—you were created to be part of God's mission, equipped and empowered to make a difference every day.**