

Bible Study Guide: Get in the Game – Living Out Your Calling in Christ

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Big Idea

Every believer has a God-given role in the body of Christ, and true spiritual maturity happens when we actively live out our calling beyond the walls of the church.

Theme

This study challenges believers to discover their spiritual “lane” (APEST gifting) and move from passive faith to active participation, allowing God to use them daily to build His kingdom.

Core Scripture

Ephesians 4:11–16

“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...”

Introduction: Identity Must Lead to Action

The book of Ephesians is divided into two parts:

- **Chapters 1–3:** Who you are in Christ (identity)
- **Chapters 4–6:** How you live it out (application)

Key Insight:

“Faith is not proven in what happens inside the church—but in what happens when you leave it.”

The Problem

- Many attend church but don’t engage
- Spiritual growth is expected from one hour a week
- Faith is not translating into daily life

“One hour in church won’t change your life—walking with Jesus daily will.”

Main Point 1: You Have a Spiritual Role (APEST)

Explanation

God has designed the church with five primary roles:

- Apostles
- Prophets
- Evangelists
- Pastors (Shepherds)
- Teachers

Spiritual Truth

You are:

- Not random
- Not unused

You have a lane

“Somewhere in those five—that’s you.”

Application

- Which role do I resonate with?
- Where do I naturally lead?

Sticky Quote:

“You have a lane—run in it.”

Main Point 2: The Church Is Meant to Equip, Not Entertain

Explanation

The purpose of church:

- Equip believers

Not:

- Just inspire or entertain

Spiritual Truth

Church prepares you for:

- Real-life ministry

“The body is equipped to go serve.”

Application

- Am I being equipped or just attending?
- Am I applying what I hear?

Sticky Quote:

“Church prepares you—life proves you.”

Main Point 3: Faith Must Extend Beyond the Walls

Explanation

What happens in church:

- Should impact daily life

Spiritual Truth

True impact is measured:

- Outside the church

“Christ measures what happens outside the walls.”

Application

- How am I living my faith this week?
- Who am I impacting?

Sticky Quote:

“Your mission begins when you leave.”

Main Point 4: Spiritual Growth Happens in Community

Explanation

We are not meant to:

- Grow alone

Spiritual Truth

Community provides:

- Accountability

- Encouragement
- Growth

“We grow together, not separately.”

Application

- Who is helping me grow?
- Who am I helping?

Sticky Quote:

“Growth happens together.”

Main Point 5: The Enemy Tries to Pin You Down

Explanation

After spiritual moments:

- Challenges arise

Spiritual Truth

The enemy:

- Tries to limit your movement

“The enemy wants to pin you in one place.”

Application

- What is holding me back?

- Where am I stuck?

Sticky Quote:

“Don’t let the enemy sideline you.”

Main Point 6: Maturity Comes Through Practice

Explanation

Spiritual growth requires:

- Action
- Practice

Spiritual Truth

Without practice:

- Faith remains immature

“We are no longer infants when we grow.”

Application

- Am I practicing my faith daily?
- Where can I grow?

Sticky Quote:

“Practice produces maturity.”

Main Point 7: Speak Truth in Love

Explanation

As believers:

- We must communicate truth

Spiritual Truth

Truth must be:

- Rooted in love

“Speak the truth in love.”

Application

- How do I speak to others?
- Is it loving and truthful?

Sticky Quote:

“Truth + Love = Growth.”

Main Point 8: Every Part of the Body Matters

Explanation

The church is:

- A body

Spiritual Truth

Each person:

- Has a role

“Each part does its work.”

Application

- Am I contributing?
- Where am I needed?

Sticky Quote:

“Every role matters.”

Main Point 9: Discovering Your Gift Changes Everything

Explanation

Understanding your gifting:

- Brings clarity

Spiritual Truth

You are likely already:

- Operating in your gift

“You’re probably already doing it.”

Application

- What do I naturally do well?
- How can I use it for God?

Sticky Quote:

“Your passion reveals your purpose.”

Main Point 10: Don't Go Back to Your Old Life

Explanation

In Christ:

- You are made new

Spiritual Truth

Your old ways:

- No longer define you

“You are something new.”

Application

- What old habits must I leave behind?
- How can I walk in new identity?

Sticky Quote:

“Don't go back—move forward.”

Main Point 11: Your Life Should Produce Impact

Explanation

Faith is meant to:

- Change lives

Spiritual Truth

Impact happens:

- Through action

“Take what you receive and give it away.”

Application

- Who can I impact this week?
- What step will I take?

Sticky Quote:

“Faith is meant to be shared.”

Main Point 12: You Were Made for More

Explanation

God has:

- A greater purpose

Spiritual Truth

Living in your calling:

- Brings joy

“It’s better to give than to receive.”

Application

- Am I living fully in my calling?
- What is my next step?

Sticky Quote:

“You were made for more.”

Discussion Questions

1. Which APEST role do you connect with most?
2. What keeps you from living out your faith daily?
3. How can you move from passive to active faith?
4. Who is part of your spiritual community?
5. What step can you take this week to live out your calling?

Practical Application Steps

1. Discover Your Gift

- Reflect or take an APEST assessment

2. Step Into Your Lane

- Start using your gifts

3. Engage in Community

- Grow with others

4. Practice Daily Faith

- Apply what you learn

5. Impact Others

- Live missionally

Closing Prayer

Father,
Thank You for giving us purpose.

Help us to discover our gifts,
step into our calling,
and live out our faith daily.

Give us courage to move beyond comfort
and be used by You to impact others.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Final Takeaway

You were never meant to sit on the sidelines—God has called you to step into your lane, live out your faith, and make a real impact in the world.