

# Fully Devoted – Week 3

Lead Others: Equipped to Build Up the Body

*Primary Scripture: Ephesians 4:11–16 | Supporting: 2 Timothy 2:2; 1 Corinthians 12:4–7; Luke 14:25–33*

## Sermon Summary

As we conclude the Fully Devoted series, we're reminded that salvation is the starting line of discipleship. Once we've been saved, God calls each of us to walk a pathway of growth—leading ourselves, being led by others, and leading others.

In Ephesians 4:11–16, Paul teaches that God gives leaders to equip the church, not to do all the ministry, but to prepare believers for the work of ministry. Every member of the body of Christ has a role to play. When everyone serves, the church grows strong and unified in Christ.

Leading others happens inside and outside the church. Inside the church, we serve in ministry, disciple others, and invest our gifts to build up the body. Outside the church, we serve where we live, work, and play—seeking opportunities to share Christ and show His love.

We are equipped for ministry through our design (our personality, gifts, and experiences) and through the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4–7). Ministry isn't just for pastors or leaders—it's for every believer. As we serve, we mature in our faith, and God uses us to help others grow.

## Key Scriptures

- *Ephesians 4:11–12 – “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”*
- *2 Timothy 2:2 – “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”*
- *1 Corinthians 12:4–7 – “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit... To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”*
- *Luke 14:27 – “Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”*

## Key Takeaways

- Every believer has been called and equipped to do ministry.
- Leaders equip the church, but all believers participate in the work of ministry.
- God uses your design, experiences, and spiritual gifts to serve others.
- We mature spiritually as we serve and lead others.
- Ministry happens both inside and outside the church—where we live, work, and play.

## Discussion Questions

1. Read Ephesians 4:11–12. What does this passage teach about the role of church leaders and every believer?
2. How does serving others help us grow and mature in our faith?
3. What spiritual gifts, talents, or experiences has God given you that could be used to build up the body of Christ?
4. Where in your life do you have opportunities to serve others—inside or outside the church?
5. How can we encourage one another to move from being consumers to contributors in the church?

### **Personal Reflection**

Where do you sense God calling you to lead others? Is there a ministry, relationship, or opportunity where you could begin serving and helping others grow in Christ? Ask God to show you one step of obedience you can take this week.

### **Closing Prayer**

Lord, thank You for calling and equipping me to serve. Help me to see every moment as an opportunity to glorify You and lead others to become fully devoted followers of Christ. Use my gifts, my time, and my heart to build up Your church and expand Your kingdom. Amen.