

## Study Guide Equip | Part 1

Big Idea: The fulfilled promises of God show me that He still loves me!

### Introduction

Read Romans 15:4

*“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”*

How does seeing the fulfilled promises of God encourage you in the midst of your story? Discuss how Joseph and Mary must have felt to have to flee to Egypt. How was their “detour”, really the protection of God. What can we learn from their story?

#### 1. Egypt- Relentless Love

Read Matthew 2:13-15

In this prophecy, God links the Christ-child with the Old Testament gospel of coming out of Egypt. We learn from the quote (Hosea 11:1-7), that God’s love is relentless. How do you feel about the idea that God’s love for you knows no boundaries?

#### 2. Exile- Hope in Despair

Read Matthew 2:16-18

Here God links the exile (Jeremiah 31:15) to the Christ-child to show us in the midst of total despair, He is still promises a future and a hope. How do you feel knowing that even in the unanswered questions of life, God still offers us hope for our future?

#### 3. Despised- Dignity in Shame

Read Matthew 2:19-23

Here God links Isaiah 53:3 to the Christ-child being despised and rejected of men. How do you feel knowing that Jesus understands what it is like to be despised and shamed?

### Application

Take a few minutes to pray and tell Jesus that, as you wait on Him for unanswered questions, you choose trust that He loves you. Thank Him for His unconditional love. Thank Him that He took our shame upon Himself.

## Message Slides

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### **Ephesians 4:11-12**

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Eph. 1:22b-23- “...the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

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1 Cor. 12:7

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

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### **A. Apostles and Prophets- What are they?**

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1. Laid Foundations

"...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone." Ephesians 2:20

## 2. Declared Revelations

"...which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit." Ephesians 3:5

## 3. Gave Confirmations

"For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing.<sup>12</sup> The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works." 2 Cor. 12:11b-12

### **A. Apostles and Prophets- How do they equip?**

apostles- Spiritual Entrepreneurs; Space-makers; Extenders/Connectors; Pastor of Pastors.

prophets- 1 Cor. 14:1

"Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophecy."

#### **Image of Evangelist**

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1. The church is gifted with Evangelists.
2. All believers are called to evangelism.
3. To church should do things in evangelistic ways.

#### **Image of Shepherd the Flock**

On the image: 1 Pet. 5:2- "Shepherd the flock..."

#### **Image of Teach the word**

On the image: John 21:17- "Feed my sheep."

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On the image: 2 Tim. 3:16-17- "All Scripture is breathed out by God ...that the man of God may be complete, **equipped** for every good work."

#### **Passing the Baton**

On the Image: 2 Tim. 2:2- "The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."

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