

## Equip- Part 1

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

“And he gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some shepherds and teachers, “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

1. What were your thoughts from the sermon? What do you think God wants us as the Body of Christ to be doing?

2. What did Apostles and Prophets do to lay the foundation of the church (Eph. 2:20; Eph. 3:5; 2 Cor. 12:11b-12)? What could be the functions of apostles and prophets today in equipping the church?

Example:

1 Cor. 14:1- *“Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.”*

3. Evangelists have a unique gift of communicating the good news in relevant terms. However, all believers are called to evangelism, the *“ministry of reconciliation.”* (2 Cor. 5:18). How can people with the gift of evangelism, help others in the church to be equipped to share their faith?

4. Shepherd/Teachers are gifted by God to care for and teach the “flock”. (1 Pet. 5:2; John 21:17). How can they help others in the church to be equipped to do works of ministry? How can this equipping happen in the context of Community Groups and Congregational led ministries?

5. Where do you see yourself in the process of equipping each other? Do you need to be equipped, or are you currently equipping someone else for ministry?

2 Tim. 2:2- *“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.”*

Discuss.

### **Application**

Take some time to pray for us as the church to be doing the will and work of God as we live in these days of opportunity.

## Equip

**Volunteers at CFC: 393**

**New to the Team: 24**

**Openings: 26**

**The Mission: Making Committed Followers of Christ.**

**Matthew 28:19-20**

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

### **I. God Gives**

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Dead:

*“dead in your trespasses”*

*“sons of disobedience”*

*“alienated”*

*“strangers”*

*“having no hope”*

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Alive

*“lavished on us the riches of His grace”*

*“sealed with the Holy Spirit”*

*“given an inheritance in heaven”*

*“fellow citizens”*

*“having access to God”*

*“rooted and grounded in love”*

*“filled with the fullness of God!”*

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### **A. Apostles and Prophets**

1. Laid foundations

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#### **Ephesians 2:20**

“...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone.”

2. Declared Revelations

#### **Ephesians 3:5**

“...not made known ... in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.”

3. Gave Confirmation

#### **2 Corinthians 12:11b-12**

For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing.”The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

### Prophecy

#### **1 Corinthians 14:1**

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

### **B. Evangelists- Bearers of good news.**

*Acts 1:8*

“...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses ...”

### **C. Shepherd (Pastor)/Teachers-**

1 Pet. 5:2- “Shepherd the flock...” (*Care*)

John 21:17 “Feed my sheep.” (*Teach*)

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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.”

### **IV. God Gives Gifts to Equip Us for Ministry**

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### **The Peace of God**

**John 14:1+27+31**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me...Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful...but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let's go from here.”