



WEEK 4: EQUIPPING

Teaching and releasing people for the purpose of ministry and health

SERMON REWIND

This week focuses on **Formation** through the value of **Equipping**. Equipping is more than learning more information. It is being taught, trained, formed, and released to live as followers of Jesus in everyday life.

In Ephesians 4, Paul teaches that leaders are called to equip the saints for the work of ministry so the body of Christ can become mature, healthy, and built up in love. Ministry was never meant to be carried by pastors or staff alone. Pastors equip. Saints minister. The church grows when every person does their part.

At WOL, equipping means helping people become ministers of Jesus in their homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, schools, and ministry spaces. We are not just called to receive ministry. We are called to carry the life of Jesus into the places God has already placed us.

Jesus is forming us to be the kind of people who bring His life into our everyday places.

KEY VERSES

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NIV)

Look up these additional verses:

Matthew 4:18-20 (NIV); 2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV); Matthew 20:28 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

More Than Information

Equipping is not just about knowing more. It is about becoming more like Jesus and learning to live out His calling.

- a. What is the difference between learning about Jesus and being formed by Jesus?
- b. Why do you think spiritual growth requires both teaching and practice?

2

Everyone Has a Part

Ephesians 4 shows us that ministry belongs to the whole body of Christ, not just a few leaders.

- a. How does it change the way we see church when we realize every believer has a part to play?
- b. Where have you seen someone use their gifts to encourage, strengthen, or serve others?

3

Equipped to Serve

God does not only want to work in us. He also wants to work through us in our everyday lives.

- a. Where might God already be giving you opportunities to serve, lead, encourage, or bless others in your everyday life?
- b. What is one way God may have already equipped you to bless someone else?

4

Everyday Ministry

Equipping helps us see our homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, schools, and church spaces as places where we serve Jesus.

- a. Where is one everyday place God has called you to represent Jesus?
- b. What would it look like to bring the life of Jesus into that place this week?

5

Built Up in Love

The goal of equipping is not just being busy. It is becoming mature, healthy, and loving as the body of Christ.

- a. What does a mature and loving church community look like to you?
- b. What is one step you can take this week to build someone else up?

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Reflection Questions: Equipping is not just something we receive. It is something God uses to prepare us to serve others.

- Where have you been waiting for someone else to do what God may be asking you to step into?
- What gift, passion, experience, or lesson might Jesus want to use through you?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This Week Practicing Formation By:

- Ask God to show you one way He has already equipped you to serve others.
- Encourage, pray for, or help someone who needs to be strengthened this week.
- Take one step toward serving, leading, mentoring, helping, or using your gifts.

Ask the Holy Spirit to form you into someone who does not just receive ministry, but helps bring the life of Jesus into everyday places.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV), *"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."*

Let the group close by remembering that Jesus is forming His whole body together. As each person does their part, the church grows and builds itself up in love.

WHERE DID GOD SHOW UP?

PRAYER:

NOTES:
