



equip

welcome to equip

We believe that every person is unique, gifted, and full of potential—and that Jesus came to give us life in all its fullness. It's up to each of us to take intentional steps to grow into the purpose God has for us.

Equip is designed to guide you through four key steps that will continually shape your journey with Jesus. Through this process, we aim to help you discover and develop the life God has prepared for you.

If you're new to our church, Equip is also your starting point at Equippers. You'll learn more about who we are, what we believe, and how you can get involved.

Session 1

Plant yourself in the house of God

Understand God's plan and purpose for His Church, as well as discover who Equippers Church are.

Session 2

Live in a wide, open space

We explore four disciplines that, when we embrace them, actually lead us into greater freedom in life.

Session 3

Be part of something bigger

Our goal is to help uncover your motivational gifts and explore how they can be used to impact the world and serve the church.

Session 4

Step into the flow of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is God's greatest gift to us—He fills us, guides us, and empowers us to fulfil our calling. It's our privilege to conclude the course by praying for you as you go out equipped and ready to engage.

Session 3

Be part of something bigger

God's Mission

Jesus was sent to the world with a mission

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

We are called to partner in the mission of Jesus

But he replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent." (Luke 4:43)

The subject Jesus talked most about was 'The Kingdom of God'

"Mission is the total redemptive purpose of God to establish His Kingdom" (Willis & Blackaby)

The Church doesn't have a mission, the mission has a Church

The Great Commission

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:18-19)

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Our Design

God **designed** you with a purpose in mind

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.. (Galatians 5:1)

Your **SHAPE** is God's intentional design of you—spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, and experiences—all working together to equip you for your unique role in His plan.

S Spiritual Gifts

These are divine abilities given by the Holy Spirit to every believer at the moment of salvation. They're intended to be used to build up the Church and serve others.

H Heart

This refers to the things you deeply care about—what excites or burdens you. Your heart reflects your motivations, desires, and interests.

A Abilities

These are the natural talents and skills you've developed over time—things you're good at, even without formal training.

P Personality

Your personality influences how you interact with people and the world. God uses all types—introverts and extroverts, thinkers and feelers, leaders and listeners.

E Experiences

This includes all your life experiences, both good and painful. God can redeem every part of your story for His purpose.

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Your gifts help you find what you were created to do.

- No one has them all.
- No gift is more important than another.
- Some are more visible - visibility is not an indicator of importance

Your grace is something you were created to do that brings you joy, but also help others.

Spiritual gifts produce spiritual result

Three categories for Spiritual Gifts

MOTIVATIONAL (Drive) - Romans 12:6-8

MINISTRY (Opportunity) - Ephesians 4:11-12

MANIFESTATION (Results) - 1 Corinthians 12:8-10



Take some time to read through these passages and explore the different types of Spiritual Gifts.

Motivational Gifts

Romans 12:6–8 outlines what are often called the “Motivational Gifts” —gifts that reflect how God has wired us to see and respond to the world. These are internal drives that motivate our behaviour and influence how we serve others.

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to **prophecy**, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is **servicing** others, serve them well. If you are a **teacher**, teach well. If your gift is to **encourage** others, be encouraging. If it is **giving**, give generously. If God has given you **leadership** ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for **showing kindness** to others, do it gladly.

- 1. Prophecy**
- 2. Serving**
- 3. Teaching**
- 4. Encouragement**
- 5. Giving**
- 6. Leadership**
- 7. Showing Kindness (Mercy)**

Take the free Motivational Gifts test at thegatewaychurch.info/spiritual-gifts/



Did the results make sense? Did anything surprise you?

Motivational Gifts

1. Prophecy (or Perception)

Motivation: To speak the truth boldly and promote righteousness.

Characteristics: Discerns right from wrong, confronts sin, strong convictions, seeks authenticity.

Risk: Can come across as harsh or judgemental if not tempered with grace.

2. Serving (or Ministry/Helps)

Motivation: To meet practical needs and help others.

Characteristics: Hands-on, diligent, detail-oriented, prefers doing behind the scenes.

Risk: May feel unappreciated or overburdened if others don't help.

3. Teaching

Motivation: To understand and clearly explain truth.

Characteristics: Loves studying, values accuracy, enjoys researching and sharing knowledge.

Risk: Can focus too much on information and neglect personal connection.

4. Encouragement (or Exhortation)

Motivation: To inspire, encourage, and strengthen others in their faith.

Characteristics: Uplifting, optimistic, good communicator, motivates with practical steps.

Risk: May avoid confronting hard truths in order to keep the peace.

5. Giving

Motivation: To provide resources and support generously.

Characteristics: Financially wise, enjoys giving quietly, looks for needs to meet.

Risk: Can become frustrated if others aren't as generous or responsible.

6. Leadership (or Administration/Ruling)

Motivation: To organize and lead others toward a goal.

Characteristics: Visionary, decisive, strategic, good at delegation.

Risk: May be overly controlling or impatient with disorganization.

7. Mercy

Motivation: To show compassion and care for those who are suffering.

Characteristics: Deeply empathetic, kind-hearted, emotionally intuitive.

Risk: Can be overly sensitive or take on others' burdens too heavily.

Using My Gift To Impact The World

Our Mission

To equip you FOR LIFE through faith in Jesus Christ

We believe in equipping and empowering the whole church to be on mission for God. Whether you have been called to education, healthcare, media, business or family, to an office, a field, a building site or a church, we want to champion you to extend the Kingdom in your world.

Most people are called to work in the world, not the church

My workplace is my mission field

I live on mission - **SENT**

We're called to impact the world - to see God's Kingdom established on earth.

7 Mountains of Society

- Family
- Religion
- Education
- Media
- Arts & Entertainment
- Business
- Government

Using My Gift To Serve The Church

“The local church is the hope of the world”

The church isn't an organisation or an institution, it's a **BODY** of believers.

Jesus is building His church, He wants us to be part of it.

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” (Matthew 16:18 NIV)

Our role in God's mission is as part of the Body of Christ.

We can do so much more together than we can apart.

Church is not about membership; it's about participation.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10 NIV)

The One-Day Principle

Acts 3:1-8 (NLT)

“**One day**, Peter and John went to the Temple to take part in the three o’clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, “Look at us!” The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you.

But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!” Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man’s feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.”

Every Sunday Service can be somebody’s ‘One Day’.

When we serve, we determine whether it will be somebody’s ‘One Day’ or just ‘Another Day’

What people want is not what they need: “everybody is looking for Jesus, just not everybody realizes it yet” – Sam Monk.

When you give people what you have, God will always give them what they need: “My responsibility is not to fill your cup, my responsibility is to empty mine.” - Andy Stanley.



- Who is close to you but far from God?
- What would you want them to experience when they come to church?
- How can you help to create this ‘One Day’ experience for the people that walk through our doors every week?

How to join an eTeam

There are loads of opportunities to get involved. Some teams might be directly lined up with your gifts and passions, some teams are a great way to just get stuck in.

Here's a list of Teams to consider;

Sunday

Equippers Kids

Worship

Production (Sound, Lights, Screen)

Service Producing

Photography

Hosting

Hospitality

Venue

Connection Point

Coffee

New Christians

Prayer

Equip Course

Mid-week

Admin

Conference & Events

Operations

Facilities

Design & Media

Photography & Film

Social Media

Revo Youth (11-18yrs)

Connection & Integration

If you'd like to join an eTeam, here are some next steps;

- Speak to your Equip Course host
- Head to the Connection Point on Sunday
- **Complete this form** and our team will get in touch

