# 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 4

# Step in the flow of the Holy Spirit



## The Role of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a person - He responds and has feelings

When you accept Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in you.

The Holy Spirit is IN you, FOR YOU

When you are baptised in the Holy Spirit, he comes upon you.

The Holy Spirit comes UPON you, FOR OTHERS

The Holy Spirit has always been there.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and **the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters**. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. (Genesis 1:1-3)

#### The Holy Spirit is our HELPER

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. **Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you**; but if I go, I will send him to you. (John 16:7)

Paraclete (Greek: παράκλητος, paraklētos) - A term used to refer to the Holy Spirit, often translated as "advocate" or "helper".

#### The Holy Spirit is our **LEADER**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. (Romans 8:14)

#### The Holy Spirit gives us ACCESS

Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. (Ephesians 2:18)



#### The Holy Spirit leads us into all TRUTH

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. (John 16:13)

#### The Holy Spirit REVEALS things to us

But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. (1 Corinthians 2:10)

#### The Holy Spirit an **ENCOURAGER**

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. (Romans 8:26)

#### The Holy Spirit INTERCEDES for us

We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. (Romans 8:26)

#### The Holy Spirit SANCTIFIES us

He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:16)

#### The Holy Spirit CONVICTS us

And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. (Romans 16:8)

#### The Holy Spirit EMPOWERS us

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)



## Receiving the Holy Spirit

#### Acts 2:1-4 (NLT)

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

When the Holy Spirit comes and fills you, a boldness comes upon your life to be God's witness in the world upon you

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not an 'optional extra'

#### When we speak in tongues we are built up

He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. (1 Corinthians 14:4)

#### When we speak in tongues we speak with our spirit

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. (1 Corinthians 14:14)

#### When we speak in tongues we speak mysteries

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. (1 Corinthians 14:2)

#### When we speak in tongues we are more sensitive to God's voice

But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. (1 Corinthians 2:9)

