

**Equip**  
**Study Guide Notes**  
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**Big Idea: Equipped unto Fullness.**

1. Imagine a Football Team doing their huddle, and then the players sit down and talk about what a great plan they have (*but they don't actually run the play*). Our passage today discusses what we are equipped “for” and “unto”.
  - a. How does the church equip you “*for the work of the ministry*”? What is your ministry outside the church?
  - b. How does the church equip you “*for the building up of the Body*”? How are you built up and how do you build others up?
  
2. Fascinating! As I do the work of the ministry, I am being transformed. (v.13)
  - a. Unity- How are unity and knowing Christ related? Why is it so important for churches to be Christ-centered?
  - b. Maturity- How are you growing as you interact with the Body of Christ? How do our differences help us to become more mature?
  - c. Fullness- In what areas of your life do you need to mature to become more of a reflection of Jesus? How could interaction with other believers help you in this process?
  
3. Discuss this image of the Lion of Judah breathing out the Spirit of God onto his saints. How does this empower you to be the hands and feet of Christ? Pray for one another to be empowered by God's Spirit to be the Church!



## Message Slides

### Equip

Feb. 1- 9-10:30am- Focus Group with the Elders (childcare)

### Equip -Refugee Ministry

Phil and Becca

### Slides

### Image- Body of Christ

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

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#### A. Equipped for...(Eph. 4:12)

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,...”

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“saints” (*Gr.- hagios*) Set apart unto God.

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#### 1. External- Work of ministry

### Image- Football Huddle

Isaiah 61:1 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to bring good tidings...to bind up the brokenhearted...to proclaim liberty...”

#### A. Equipped for...(Eph. 4:12)

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,...”

#### 2. Internal- Building up the Body

### Image – Bandaging

### Image- Build up

#### B. Equipped to... (Eph. 4:13)

##### 1. Unity

“...until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

## Image of dead leaves

## Image of leaves on tree

John 17:23- “I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”

### **B. Equipped to... (Eph. 4:13)**

#### **2. Maturity**

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## Image- Daniel (age 5)

## Image- Daniel (age 23)

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## Image- Jesus made up of CFCers

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## Image- Commissioning

