

Discussion Guide: September 13th, 2026

Series: Let's Go! Living on Mission Through the Spirit

Message: Equipped for the Team

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Take Home Truth: Jesus works in you, so He can work through you.

Focus Passages:

Ephesians 4:11-16 (CSB)

11 And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness. 14 Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit. 15 But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. 16 From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.

Discussion Questions

1. Think about your favorite sports team or a time you were part of a team. What made that team function well together, and what happens when only a few players do all the work while others sit on the sidelines?
2. Read Ephesians 4:11-12. In church culture, people often view "saints" or "ministers" as super-elite Christians or paid church staff. How does Scripture define a "saint," and what is the primary role of church leaders vs. the role of the rest of the church family?
3. The message highlighted that the primary "work of ministry" is disciple-making by helping people know Jesus, follow Jesus, and become more like Him in everyday life. Where in your daily life (at home, work, serving, or with friends) do you have opportunities to make disciples? What makes stepping into that role feel challenging or intimidating?
4. Paul warns in verse 14 about being "tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching".
 - What are some of the modern "cultural winds" or false teachings online, in media, or in culture that try to blow Christians off course today?
 - How does growing toward spiritual maturity alongside a church community help keep us anchored?
5. Ephesians 4:15-16 describes the body growing as we "speak the truth in love" and as "each individual part" does its work.
 - Why are both truth *and* love necessary when encouraging or correcting one another?
 - What is one way or gift God has given you that you can use this week to build up someone else in the church body?

Time of Prayer:

Father, thank you for gifting and calling every single one of us to be active members of your body. Forgive us for the times we treat your church like a spectator sport instead of stepping onto the field. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we can speak your truth in love, grow into maturity, and protect one another from the deceitful winds of this world. Use our unique gifts to build up your church and make disciples in our homes, workplaces, and community. Remind us continually that you work in us so that you can work through us. In Jesus' name, Amen.