



## July 6 – Equipped!

You might not feel like it...in fact you might be convinced you are so far from it, you can never be truly useful. You might think it's only for people not like you, or for those who have different gifts than yours. Someone may have told you along the way, you're not good enough, smart enough, faithful enough – and you've believed them. But what if...what if none of that is true? What if who you are and what you have is more than enough? What are we talking about? Join us this weekend and find out!

### Scripture:

#### **Ephesians 4:11-16 NLT**

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup>Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup>This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup>Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup>He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

#### **Matthew 7:24-27 NLT**

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. <sup>25</sup>Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. <sup>26</sup>But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. <sup>27</sup>When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

### Questions:

- What do you feel you are good at? What are your gifts? (And don't say you don't have any – everyone does!)
- How might you utilize who God has created you to be to shine Jesus' light and love into the world?
- Don't let fear stop you! This week at least twice, do something you know you can do for the sake of Jesus' love being brought into the world by you!

### Reading for the Week:

- **Monday:** 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- **Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
- **Wednesday:** Hebrews 13:21
- **Thursday:** 1 John 1:7
- **Friday:** Ephesians 2:10