

## EQUIPPED TO SERVE IN 2015

Ephesians 4:11-16

Pastor Pete

*And He gave some as... pastors and teachers, for **the equipping of the saints for the work of service**, to the building up of the body of Christ.*

Primary Point: God wants the pastors to equip the saints to do ministry for God

1. God wants the pastors of the church to help equip people to serve (v 11-12)
  - a. Equip by Teaching  
(Eph 4:11-16, 1 Cor 12, Rom 12:3-8, 1 Peter 4:10)
  - b. Equip by Organizing Opportunities for Ministry
  - c. Equip by Delegating Ministry  
(Acts 6:1-7, Titus 1:5, Phil 2:25)
  
2. God wants each person to do works of service (v12)
  - a. “Priesthood of believers” or “Every believer a minister” (1 Peter 2:9)
  - b. Most ministry in the life of a church is NOT done by the pastors
  - c. God wants you to serve at the right time, in the right way
  
3. The church will grow when each person is doing their part (v15-16)
  - a. Each person is important (1 Cor 12:18)
  - b. How can I know my part?
    - i. Just try serving in some area.
  - c. Your desires for serving and the affect you have will be your best guides

Life Group Discussion ?'s

1. What is something that you learned from the message?
2. Do you see yourself as an important part of the church body?
3. What ways to serve the body excite you the most right now?
4. Would you like to start a new ministry that is not currently at New Life?
5. Do you need some time for healing before moving forward with serving at New Life?