



Session Four: Get Equipped to Engage the World

Introduction (2 Min)

Welcome back to our last session in E4: Empowered for Supernatural Living. We've discovered how God wants us to encounter Him continually and then move on to getting established in His Word and relationships. Next, we will take a look at God's plans for us to get equipped so we can engage our community and the world with Jesus' love and power.

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV)



Open Up (15 min)

Lord, your love and power is more that we could ever ask for or imagine. We want to continue to encounter you, your Word and your people. Give us guidance and direction on the steps we can take to become empowered by you in our lives. Show us our part in furthering your kingdom.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

1. *Welcome back* the members of your group and start your time by checking in with your spiritual partner or with another partner if yours is absent. Share something personal God taught you during your time in the Word this week or during this study. Be sure to listen carefully to your partner and write down your partner's progress on page 20.
2. Now with the entire group, share an insight or discovery you made this past week through one of the practices we are pursuing, our Bible reading in Ephesians, reviewing the Spiritual Health Assessment, scripture memorization or praying for each other.
3. Consider this interesting scenario... Pastor Cal asks you to pray healing over a cancer patient in the hospital. You've never been trained and have no experience. Share how you would feel.

Take It In (16 min)

View the DVD teaching for this session now. Feel free to take notes in the space below. You can record any thoughts, questions or interesting information that you may want to discuss with your group.

Talk It Over (20 min)

- Do you believe Christians can do the works of Jesus and stay in their comfort zone? Explain.

- When Christians are being equipped to do what Jesus wants them to do, how important is a safe environment and positive coaching?
- Read Ephesians 2:10 out loud. *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”* After you have been prepared and equipped, what barrier(s) would keep you from doing the work God has prepared for you? What might you do to overcome those barriers?

Work It Out (20 min)

1. Refer back to your Spiritual Health Assessment and take a closer look at the “Equip & Engage” questions on Pages 29-30. Discuss which questions were you strongest and which questions are areas of potential growth.
2. Now, take 1 or 2 of the lower scores and prayerfully choose “Equip & Engage” *Action Steps* (pages 39-40 & 43-44). Notice instructions at the top of these pages. Once decided, transfer your *Action Step(s)* to the back cover of the Spiritual Health Assessment. You may also want to include any “Equip & Engage” resources you might want to take advantage of. (pages 41-42 & 45-46)
3. Take this opportunity to get with your spiritual partner and discuss your actions step. Be sure to share your prayer request for encouragement or accountability. Pray together over those requests.

Move It Forward (During this week)

This week, take what you learned and spend some time putting it into practice. Choose one or more of the following activities to further your spiritual growth and even connect to others in your group. Don’t feel you have to complete all of these. Decide what you can do and go for it.

- Mark your calendar or set a reminder to pray for your spiritual partner over the next month. Make a plan to meet with them 1-2 times to encourage each other in person.
- Change your mind. Memorize this verse...
“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10
- Reflect on Scripture. Each day we are exploring what God says in the book of Ephesians. Read the selected verses and give prayerful consideration to what you learn about God, His Spirit and His place in your life. Listen to God and record your applications, thoughts, conclusions, insights and/or prayers as you read these verses. Thank God and praise him for his Word.
 - Day 22 – Ephesians 5:13-16
 - Day 23 – Ephesians 5:17-20
 - Day 24 – Ephesians 5:21-30
 - Day 25 – Ephesians 5:31-6:4
 - Day 26 – Ephesians 6:5-9
 - Day 27 – Ephesians 6:10-17
 - Day 28 – Ephesians 6:18-24