



## The Assignment

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**Focus** According to God's Word, our assignment is to win people to Christ. Jesus gifted some people to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Their role is to equip the body of Christ. Once we are equipped, we are to go and tell others our story. Our story is to show how God worked in our lives to save and transform us. The Good News is meant to be heard by everyone!

**Fun** Did your elementary teacher assign student tasks each week for the class? If so, what was your favorite job?

**Review** Key Scripture: Ephesians 4:11

### What are our roles?

#### 1. My Role

A pastor's role is to equip others for the work of the ministry. Jesus gave gifts to the body through apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists, and teachers. In turn, these people are to equip the saints—you and me.

#### 2. Your Role

Our role is to be available and willing to be equipped. God is not looking for ability; He's looking for availability. He makes us able. God knows we are not perfect and sometimes we fall. The important thing is to get up again because He still wants to use us!

#### 3. Our Assignment

Once we are equipped, we are to reach out to the lost, win them to Christ, and disciple them so that they can reach others.

### What are the steps?

#### 1. Go and Tell

We are to share our story with those around us every opportunity we get. Your story can resonate in someone's heart when you are real with them.

## **2. Come and See**

When you invite people to church, your Bible study, or prayer group, they may have questions. Often the best way to have those questions answered is for them to come and see.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Encourage each person to tell their story. Be willing to listen as they are being shared. Give positive feedback that will help make it an engaging testimony.

### **Discuss**

1. According to Ephesians 4:11–12, what are the five-fold ministries Jesus gives as gifts to the body of Christ? For what purpose?
2. We may be faithful yet often feel unworthy or ill-equipped to serve in ministry. Read 2 Timothy 2:2, then explain how this verse contradicts this attitude.
3. Perfection is freedom from fault or defect. God is the only One who is perfect. Nevertheless, we sometimes expect that of ourselves. What does Proverbs 24:16 (NIV) tell us? How can we apply this to our lives as Christians?
4. What assignment has Jesus given us (Matthew 28:19)? How faithful have you been in following this directive?
5. If you have witnessed to someone who was lost or disciplined others to win people to Christ, please share your story with the group.
6. Quietly take a moment to ask Jesus to show you who you can “go and tell.” Pray for opened hearts to receive the Good News.

### **Take Home**

- \*We each have an assignment.
- \*Jesus gave us gifts to help us.
- \*These gifts are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.
- \*We will be equipped for our assignment.
- \*When we are equipped, we are to go and tell.

**Prayer** Jesus, please give me the confidence I need to witness to the lost. I know that You will give me the words and help me to share my story. Open the hearts of these people to receive. I ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\*** As a leader, you will want to go over guidelines with a new group. For example, how much time do you want to give for members to greet and chat, when would you like to begin and end the study, and which responsibilities would you like to delegate? With everyone on the same page, your sessions will go more smoothly.