

Equipped and Called: A 5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on the vision and teaching of Equipped Church

Day 1: Knowing Him Above All Else

Reading: Psalm 27:4; Philippians 3:8-10

Devotional:

The greatest pursuit of any believer is not comfort, success, or even ministry — it is Christ Himself. The pastor reminded us that the question is never simply what God's will is for your life, but how your life fits into His will. Knowing Jesus is not a one-time event. It is a daily, moment-by-moment surrender to the one who made you and calls you deeper. You cannot borrow someone else's relationship with Him. You must have your own. Today, resist the temptation to treat Jesus as someone you call on only in crisis. He is Emmanuel — God with us — always present, always near, always inviting you further in.

Reflection Questions:

- In what areas of your life have you been keeping Jesus at a distance rather than inviting Him in?
- What would it look like today to pursue His presence above every other priority?

Practical Application: Set aside ten minutes in silence today with no agenda other than to be with God. No requests, no lists. Simply acknowledge His presence and invite Him to speak.

Day 2: Built on the Rock

Reading: Matthew 7:24-25; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Devotional:

Every life is built on something. The question is whether what you are building on will hold when the storms arrive. The pastor was clear: human experiences, cultural trends, and even well-meaning advice will eventually fail as a foundation. Only the Word of God remains unmovable. Scripture is described in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 as God-breathed — meaning it carries the very breath and authority of the one who created all things. It teaches, corrects, rebukes, and trains us in righteousness so that we are thoroughly equipped. A church and a life built on anything less than God's Word is a house waiting to fall.

Reflection Questions:

- When you face decisions or difficulties, where do you turn first — to Scripture, to people, or to your own reasoning?
- Is there an area of your life where cultural pressure is competing with what God's Word says?

Practical Application: Identify one area of your life where you need biblical clarity. Open Scripture and spend time in a relevant passage, asking the Holy Spirit to illuminate truth and give you the courage to build on it.

Day 3: Walking with the Holy Spirit

Reading: Galatians 5:25; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Devotional:

The Holy Spirit is not a supplement to the Christian life. He is the power source of it. The pastor challenged the tendency to treat the Spirit as either

a distant concept or something reserved for a select few. But Scripture is plain: every believer who has surrendered their life to Christ carries the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. That Spirit is not passive. He distributes gifts, empowers witness, and leads those who are willing to follow. The invitation is to stop living as though you are on your own and begin walking in step with the one who already lives within you.

Reflection Questions:

- Have you ever dismissed a prompting of the Holy Spirit because you doubted it was really Him?
- What would it mean practically for you to depend on the Spirit's power rather than your own strength today?

Practical Application: Throughout today, pause before conversations, decisions, and challenges and ask the Holy Spirit one simple question: What do you want to do here? Practice listening before acting.

Day 4: Equipped to Serve, Called to Belong

Reading: Ephesians 4:11-13; Acts 2:42-47

Devotional:

The church was never designed to produce spectators. According to Ephesians 4:11-13, the role of church leaders is not to do all the ministry but to equip God's people to do the work of ministry themselves. Every believer is gifted, called, and needed. Alongside this calling to serve is the equally important calling to belong. The early church in Acts 2 did not simply attend meetings — they devoted themselves to one another, shared meals, prayed together, and met each other's needs daily. This is the biblical picture of church family: not a crowd gathering weekly, but a community living life together with Christ at the center.

Reflection Questions:

- Do you know what spiritual gifts God has placed in you? Are you actively using them?
- Are you genuinely known by others in your church community, or are you keeping people at a safe distance?

Practical Application: Reach out to one person in your church family this week — not to discuss church business, but simply to be present with them. Share a meal, take a walk, or have an honest conversation.

Day 5: Go and Make Him Known

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16; Romans 10:14-15; Luke 9:23

Devotional:

The vision of Equipped Church does not end within its walls. It was never meant to. The pastor reminded us that we are being equipped not simply to live well but to go — into neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and nations — carrying the light of Christ into a world growing darker by the day.

Romans 10:14-15 asks the piercing question: how will they hear without someone to tell them? The answer is you. Not a polished, perfect version of you, but the real, surrendered, Spirit-filled version who has encountered the living God and cannot stay silent about it. The darker the world becomes, the brighter your light must shine.

Reflection Questions:

- Who in your sphere of influence needs to hear the good news, and what is holding you back from sharing it?
- Are you living with open hands, ready to go wherever and whenever God calls, or have you become settled in your own comfort?

Practical Application: Write down the name of one person in your life who does not yet know Christ. Begin praying for them daily this week. Ask God to open a door and give you the courage to walk through it when He does.

This reading plan is rooted in the vision of Equipped Church: to know Jesus deeply, to be built on His Word, to walk in the power of His Spirit, to equip and belong to one another, and to go and make Him known — from our neighborhoods to the nations.