

INTRODUCTION TO EQUIPPED TO SERVE

What is Equipped To Serve?

Equipped To Serve (ETS) is Calvary Chapel Gwinnett's selected process of preparing people for serving in the various ministries offered here at this local church. As directed in Ephesians 4:12, our obligation as a church is to "equip the saints for the work of the ministry." ETS consists of a series of three levels of studies designed to prepare the heart and lay the foundation for those seeking to serve God through this local Fellowship.

Serving can mean many different things to different people from various backgrounds and experiences. Our aim is to have everyone here at Calvary Chapel serving with the same vision and direction as we seek to glorify God in our service to Him.

ETS is intended to help us understand what it means to "Serve the Lord" and acquaint each one with Calvary's Distinctives and Philosophy of Ministry. The goal...to enable each person to determine what calling God has on their life and with that, to help develop that call.

What are ETS Levels?

In a nutshell, the various ministries of our church are assigned to one of three levels. As the levels move from 1 to 3, the role of leadership and spiritual responsibility increases accordingly.

Ministry Opportunities List

Enclosed with this packet, is a Ministry Opportunities Chart that shows a comprehensive list of the ministries offered here at Calvary Chapel along with the assigned levels, leader contact information, term of commitment and descriptions of the various volunteer roles and responsibilities. Although frequently updated to accommodate the Lord's growth process in our Fellowship, this list is a good place to get an overview of the various ministry opportunities.

Classes & Homework Assignments

Equipping prospective ministry servants is accomplished through a series of classroom sessions and homework assignments.

During the classes, a ministry leader will present a short teaching consistent with the ETS level you are seeking to complete. The purpose of the classes and homework assignments is to encourage spiritual growth, establish a uniform philosophy of ministry and prepare for serving the Fellowship in a manner consistent with the Gospel and Calvary Chapel Distinctives.

How Do I Sign Up for ETS Classes?

Choose from the following options:

- Complete the Registration Form included in the “Ready to Be Equipped to Serve?” packet and drop it off at the church office.
- Sign up in the church Foyer at the Registration tables (tables are set up two weeks prior to the classes).
- Coming soon! You may register online by clicking the ETS link from our website: www.ccgwinnett.org.

How Do I Know When to Sign Up for ETS Classes?

- An ETS class schedule is included in this packet.
- Class schedules are also posted in the church’s weekly Bulletin two weeks prior to the class.
- ETS yearly class schedules are also posted on our website.

ETS classes are held at the church on Sunday mornings from 8:45 to 10:15 in Room 113, unless otherwise designated.

How Do I Obtain Needed Books & Materials?

You can get your homework packet:

- At the sign-up table in the Foyer during registration
- From the church office/ETS Coordinator
- Online by clicking the ETS Resource link from our website: www.ccgwinnett.org/get-connected/get-equipped/equipped-to-serve.html

Your homework packet, depending on which ETS class you are attending, will have all the materials you need as listed here:

1. Main Theme Book – book prices vary but range from \$3 to \$7. However, loaner books are available as well from our CCG Library. Additionally, e-book versions are available from our website.
2. Homework Questionnaires based on the Theme Book

3. DVD's to watch from home (also available on the website in FlashPlayer format)
4. Ministry Questionnaire for the pertinent ETS Level
5. Consent & Waiver Form
6. Statement of Faith (Level 1 only).

What Comes After the Class?

On completion of the class(es), Elders and/or Staff members will conduct a brief follow-up interview with you to clarify your talents, interests and spiritual gifts for the purpose of assisting you in interpreting God's call for your place of service.

When Can I Begin Serving?

Once you've successfully completed your ETS interview, the Elder/Staff member will do his best to make you aware of available ministry opportunities and place you in contact with the appropriate ministry leader.

How Do I Advance to the Next Level of ETS Ministry?

Once you've completed and served for a time in your current level of ministry, you are eligible to begin advancing to the next level.