

# Mini-Series: Growing in Gratitude

## “From Awkward to Equipped”

### Jer 1:6-9

#### **Introduction:**

**God’s Equipping** – is what He does to get us prepared to be useful in His service. Our equipping comes by us spending intimate time in God’s presence, through the preaching ministry, teaching ministry, personal study, mentorship ministry, prayer ministry and through life ministry.

*“We can see in the illustration of the natural world, God’s process to give birth to the most useful You!”*

#### **I. Becoming Useful to God**

- a. Growth is the Key
- b. But we are reluctant to grow because growth requires change
- c. And change in our minds equals fear
- d. God desires our maximum usefulness
- e. Inside each of us God put gifts, skills, abilities, and talents.
- f. But we have stopped God from using us at our maximum potential.
- g. The 2 most common ways we stop God is with our excuses and fears. Jer 1:6-8

#### **II. God’s Equipping v. 9**

- a. Personal Touch Rom 8:30
- b. His Word In My Mouth Ezek 3:1

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**III. From Awkward to Equipped**

- a. Preaching Ministry: Matt 5:1-4
- b. The Teaching Ministry: Acts 17:11
- c. Personal Study: 2 Tim 2:15
- d. Mentoring Ministry: 1 Tim 4:6-11
- e. Prayer Ministry: Phil 4:6-7
- f. Life Ministry Josh 1:1-6