



GET YOUR
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SERVE ACCORDING TO YOUR GIFTEDNESS

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GROUP ICE BREAKER

Have you ever received a gift from someone that overwhelmed or excited you? Share what it was with the group.

REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will commit to this teaching series to learn about spiritual gifts.
- I will start serving to discover my spiritual gift.
- I will join a serving team at Blue Oaks.

MESSAGE SUMMARY

One of the most powerful aspects of learning to live a Christ-centered life is spiritual gifts, which enable us to do remarkable things for God in the church. This week we covered eight of sixteen spiritual gifts we'll look at in this series.

The first is the gift of *Helps*, which is the ability to invest time and energy into accomplishing practical and necessary tasks furthering the work of the church. The second is *Shepherding*. This is the ability to care for the spiritual needs of a small group of people in the church, guiding them toward maturity.

The next gift is *Administration*, or the ability to organize and manage people, programs, resources, or time to keep the church functioning at its best. Another is *Leadership*, the ability to clarify and communicate the purpose and direction of the church in a way that motivates others to get involved in achieving the mission.

The fifth gift we discussed was *Intercession*, the ability to pray for the needs of others over extended periods of time on a regular basis, trusting that God will change things through prayer. The sixth was *Evangelism*, the ability to connect with people who don't know God and effectively communicate the Gospel so that they respond.

Then *Prophecy*, the ability to courageously proclaim God's truth in a timely and relevant manner, to equip and edify the church. The final for this week was *Mercy*, the ability to detect hurt and empathize with the pain of others in order to provide compassionate support.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. At some time, have you felt you were part of a division, unit, or a team where all the parts were working together for a common goal? Share about that experience.

2. How would you describe your understanding or awareness of spiritual gifts? Is this new to you?

3. What is or has been your attitude toward spiritual gifts and why?
 - For pastors only
 - For all Christ-followers
 - Only for mature Christ-followers
 - Those were for Bible times
 - I've never had a clear understanding of spiritual giftsHas the last two weeks of teaching changed your attitude in any way? If so, how?

4. How does it make you feel to consider that God has given you spiritual gifts to use for his church? Humbled? Empowered? Scared? Intimidated?

5. Do you know your spiritual gift(s)? If so, share with the group how you've experienced God using that gift through you. Feel free to reference the Spiritual Gifts list in the Supplemental Resources.

6. Read 1 Corinthians 12. What would you say is Paul's main point? What are the temptations or challenges in regards to spiritual gifts within the church?

7. When everyone is using their spiritual gifts, in what ways is the church built and strengthened?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

Use these as a guide to take your next step and commit to what you learned this week:

- I will connect with a ministry leader about serving.
- I will discover, develop and deploy my spiritual gift.
- I will encourage others in the use of their gifts.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- 1 Corinthians 12:7
- 1 Corinthians 12:21
- 1 Corinthians 12:18-19
- Ephesians 4:12-13
- Colossians 4:12
- Jeremiah 5:26-28

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

- [Spiritual Gifts list](#)
- [Your Divine Design](#)
- [Understanding Spiritual Gifts: A Comprehensive Guide](#)