

Spiritual Gifting

Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed: knowing and using gifts

Who this is for: everyone

Desired impact on disciples: see how they fit into God's plan

Desired impact on campus/home/others: be served

Hear the word

Romans 12:3-8, 1 Peter 4:8-11

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

- Where do gifts and skills come from?
- What gifts do you have? How do you use them? How does God want you to use them?

Respond actively

We each have gifts and skills. Write down answers to these questions and discuss them in a group.

- What do you most enjoy doing in the group?
- What are some things you do well? (If you are not sure, ask others.)
- What would you enjoy learning to do?
- How do these fit into the family of God?

After discussing, choose one thing you could focus on for a month. For example:

- You enjoy welcoming people and learning about them, so you come early to meetings to welcome new friends to the group
- You are good at asking thoughtful questions, so you help write questions for the Bible study
- You like technology and music, so you learn how to run a sound system for a large group worship session

Debrief and Interpret

Use these questions throughout the semester.

- How did it feel to talk about your skills and gifts? To tell others about their strengths?

- Are/Were you excited about this new opportunity? Why or why not? How do you feel now?
- What have you learned about God? About yourself?

Expand the influence

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