

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

VIDEO TEACHING NOTES

Key Question: What gifts and skills has God given me to _____ others?

Key Verse: " 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 _____ to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." (Romans 12:4-6)

Key Idea: I know my spiritual gifts and _____ them to fulfill God's purposes.

(Key Application) As a community, help each other _____ what gift God has given to each of you.

(Key Application) Know and _____ the gifts of the people God has placed around you.

(Key Application) _____ your gifts.

(Key Application) Acknowledge and give God the _____ for your gift(s).

GROUP DISCUSSION

As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statements are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging and why?

- I know my spiritual gifts.
- I regularly use my spiritual gift(s) in ministry to accomplish God's purposes.
- I value the spiritual gifts of others to accomplish God's purposes.
- Others recognize and affirm my spiritual gift(s) and support my use of them.

Choose 2-3 questions that will lead to best discussion about the Key Idea

1. Take a moment to affirm the specific ways you see members of your group using their spiritual gifts.
2. Discuss the health of your spiritual community. Which parts are thriving and healthy? Which parts are hurting or nonexistent? What action step(s) can the group take to strengthen the body of Christ?
3. If people were unsure of their roles in the body of Christ, how would you advise them to discover their spiritual giftedness?
4. Some gifts get more attention than others, which can cause pride and jealousy within the body of Christ. How can your group safeguard itself from these destructive attitudes?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-31 and choose 1-2 questions to discuss.

1. What role does your spiritual gift play in the redemption and restoration of broken people and a broken world?
2. Discuss parts of the human body that are not visible but are incredibly important. Similarly, which gifts within the body of Christ are rarely recognized yet vital to the success of the church's mission?
3. Why is it imperative for us to use our gifts with an attitude of love?

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OTHER PASSAGES

1 Sam. 16:1-23

Daniel 2:1-47

John 14:15-31

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 12:4-8

1 Cor. 12:4-13:13

Matt. 25:14-30

1 Peter 4:7-11

Eph. 4:1-16

CLOSING PRAYER

PERSONAL QUESTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Believe, Chapter 18: Offering My Time and/or read the following passages

Jonah 1:1-2:10

Haggai 1:1-15

Luke 2:41-52

Exodus 16:1-30; 18:5-27

Proverbs 31:10-31

John 7:1-16

Matt. 25:31-46

Eph. 5:15-17

Galatians 6:7-10

Then, answer the following questions:

1. Do you think God still puts people “in the belly of a fish” when they ignore his call?
2. In light of what we have learned about the Old Testament temple from previous chapters, why did God want the returning captives to build his house before they built their own?
3. As you read the passages from Exodus 16, 18 and Proverbs 31, write down any practical principles you find regarding managing time.
4. As you read the passages from Matthew 25, Eph. 5 and Galatians 6, look for the answer to this question: How does God reward those who do what he has asked them to?
5. What one thing can you do to improve in the key practice of offering your time to God?

Key Verse: “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17)

Key Idea: I offer my time to fulfill God’s purposes.

Personal Application

1. How would this practice express itself in your life?
2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who invests his or her time in God’s purposes?
3. What is impeding your ability to offer your time to God and others? How can you overcome this obstacle?
4. What action step can you take this week to increase the amount of time you give to God’s purposes?