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Week 4 / Your Gifts, God's Glory / 1 Cor. 12:7-11

ICEBREAKER

What's one talent or ability you discovered you had later in life?

OR

Has there been a time someone's encouragement or act of service made a lasting impact on your faith?

SUPPLEMENTAL VIDEO

Scan the QR code found on the right side of the back of your Host Resources Card in your small group kit. Watch or listen to the video as a group, prior to starting the rest of your discussion.

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever wondered if your life really makes a difference in God's kingdom? Scripture reminds us that God hasn't left anyone out. The Holy Spirit gives every believer spiritual gifts — not for personal gain, but for the good of others and the glory of God. When each of us uses what the Spirit has given, the church becomes a living picture of God's power and presence.

What stood out to you from this week's message?

INTO THE WORD

Read 1 Corinthians 12:7–11; Romans 12:6; 1 Peter 4:10.

How do these verses describe who receives spiritual gifts and why? What stands out about the purpose of these gifts?

Host Guidance: Every believer receives a gift — there are no exceptions. Gifts are given by grace, not merit, and are meant to build up others. Emphasize that spiritual gifts are signs of God's living presence, not a badge of status. Encourage participants to name potential gifts they see in one another.

Read Ephesians 4:11–13; Philippians 2:3–4; 1 Corinthians 14:12.

How does using our gifts for the 'common good' strengthen unity in the church? What might it look like to use your gift in a way that serves others this week?

Host Guidance: The Spirit's gifts are designed to help the whole body thrive. When we use them humbly and in cooperation, it's like a symphony — each instrument adds to the beauty of the whole. Encourage discussion around serving opportunities in the group or church where members could apply their gifts.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:11; Romans 9:20–21; Galatians 5:25.

How does understanding that the Spirit chooses which gifts we receive affect your attitude toward your own or others' gifts?

Host Guidance: The Spirit decides; we surrender. This truth guards against comparison and pride. Encourage gratitude and humility — no role is insignificant. God intentionally places each part where it belongs.

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

(Essentials: Serve Others and Build Deep Relationships)

The Holy Spirit gives gifts so that together we reflect Christ's heart to the world. Serving others with your gift is one way to live out the hope of Jesus.

Reflect as a group:

- Where are you currently using your gifts to serve others?
- What might be holding you back from using your gift more fully?

- How could this group support or encourage one another to live out your gifts?

Action Step

If group members have not completed their Spiritual Gifts Assessment, invite them to do so this week. Also encourage your group to pray about how to use their results for God's glory. If you have group members who have not yet placed their trust in Jesus, simply express you are so glad they are choosing to explore their faith. Help group members understand the assessment is a tool to help them begin to discern their gifts. Encourage group members to try serving in various roles to determine what areas that feel life-giving. It is also helpful to ask other believers who know you well what gifts they see in you.

GROUP PRAYER PRACTICE: INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

- Begin by reading 1 Peter 4:10 aloud.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight one person, ministry, or need in your church family. Pause for a minute or two to create space to listen.
- Spend time praying for those needs, thanking God for the unique gifts within your group.

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, thank You for gifting each of us for Your purposes. Help us to serve humbly, love deeply, and build up Your church. May our lives and gifts bring glory to You and good to others. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The Helper* shirts will be available beginning Sunday, October 19. More information will be sent out prior to Sunday.