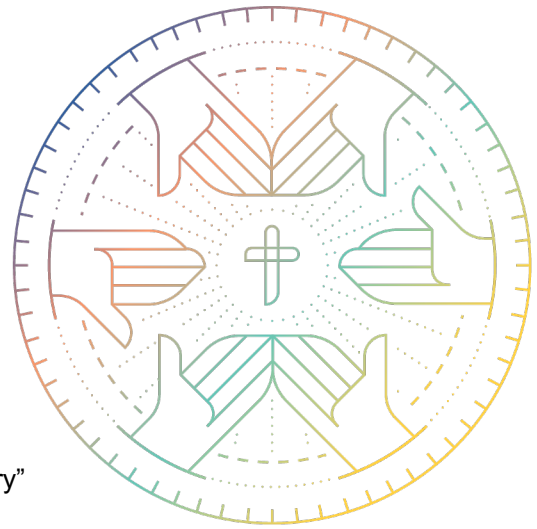


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## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Every Day Matters: “Spiritual Gifts: How to Display God’s Glory”  
Scripture Focus: 1 Peter 4:10-11

## ICEBREAKER

1. When you were growing up, what was something you naturally loved doing or were always known for?
2. Share a time you have observed someone using a talent, skill, or ability to point others towards Jesus. What stood out to you the most about the situation?

## INTRODUCTION

Scripture teaches that **every believer** has been given at least one spiritual gift from God. Spiritual gifts are different than our natural abilities or learned skills. They are given to us by the Holy Spirit when we surrender our lives to Christ. Spiritual gifts are not for comparison, attention, or personal achievement; they are expressions of God’s grace flowing through ordinary people that collectively reflect who He is, bring about the common good, and fulfill the ultimate purpose of giving God glory.

## INTO THE WORD

**Read 1 Peter 4:10-11, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, and Romans 12:6-8.** Why do you think some believers hesitate to use the gifts or abilities God has given them? How should we view our spiritual gifts knowing that they are not for our individual benefit?

**Read Romans 12:13, Hebrews 10:24–25, and Ecclesiastes 4:9–10.** What are some practical ways our spiritual gifts can be used to strengthen and encourage others? How do our gifts help combat the temptation to isolate or be independent?

**Read Luke 16:10, Proverbs 11:25, and 2 Corinthians 8:7.** Pastor David described varied grace as being expressed different ways through different people. What does it mean to be a steward of God’s varied grace? Why can no single believer reflect God’s grace alone?

**Read Colossians 3:17, Isaiah 43:7, and Matthew 5:16.** How does remembering that life is ultimately about God’s glory reshape the way we serve and live? What is the difference between serving for recognition and serving to honor God?

## EMBRACE AND EMBODY

God has uniquely entrusted every believer with opportunities, gifts, relationships, and influence that can display His grace to the world. Spiritual gifts are not reserved for church platforms or visible leadership—they are meant to shape everyday faithfulness. Whether through encouragement, service, generosity, wisdom, hospitality, leadership, prayer, compassion, etc.—God works through ordinary obedience to strengthen others and reveal His glory.

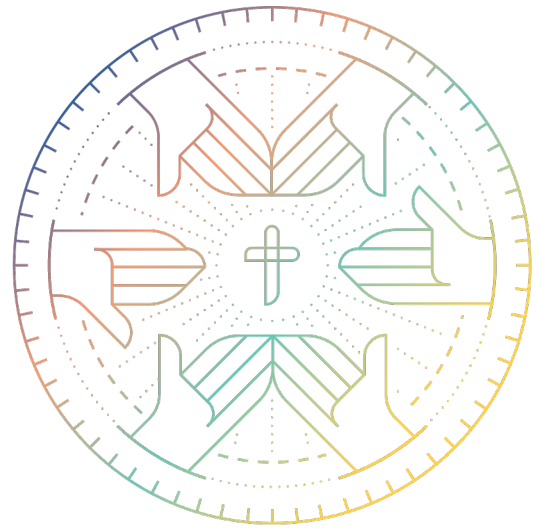
### Reflection Questions:

- What fears, distractions, insecurities, or comforts are most likely to hold you back from using your gifts consistently?
- How might God be leading you to use your gifts for His glory and the benefit of others?

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## TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP

*(Prayerfully consider one of the following next steps)*

- **Serve Others:** Review your Top 5 spiritual gifts and choose one to pray about. Ask God how you can use this gift to serve someone—then listen and obey. Examples could be speaking an encouraging word to a friend, opening your home to HOST a group, or signing up to serve at Fairhaven or in the community.
- **Make God Known:** Pray this week for your small group—asking God to give each of you boldness to use your spiritual gifts to display God’s goodness and love to those around you.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Father, thank You that You love to give good gifts and have given each of us what Your Church needs. Open our eyes for opportunities to use our gifts to serve and encourage others and help us to have a heart that seeks to give You all praise, honor, and glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen!*

## ANNOUNCEMENT

If you haven’t already, visit the Fairhaven app to take the Spiritual Gifts Assessment.