



LifeGroup Discussion Questions

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Summary

When God shows up, He brings gifts. Our spiritual gifts are to be used to build up the Church and share in Christ's victory celebration.

Scripture

"After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes." -2 Samuel 6:18-19 (NIV)

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days." -Joel 2:28-29 (NIV)

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. -Romans 12:6-8 (NIV)

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men. (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) -Ephesians 4:7-10 (ESV)

Let's Start

Have you, like Pastor Kyle, ever received a gift that you initially didn't understand or appreciate?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since the last time we were together?

Let's Talk

1. In what ways does Jesus know us better than we know ourselves? How does this understanding impact your relationship with Him?
2. Pastor Kyle shared the following quote from Wayne Grudem: "A spiritual gift is any ability that is empowered by the Holy Spirit and used in any ministry of the church." Do you believe that you have spiritual gifts? If so, have you identified what they are? If not, what might be holding you back from discovering them?
3. How have you seen spiritual gifts in action in your life and the lives of others?
4. How do you think spiritual gifts contribute to the growth and unity of the Church? Why is it important for everyone to actively use their gifts?
5. Pastor Kyle shared reasons why we may not use our spiritual gift:
 1. We don't know our gift.
 2. We are insecure about our gift.
 - "I'm not needed."
 - "I don't know enough."
 - "I'm too old."Have you ever felt or observed any of these reasons for not using a gift?
6. Consider the video story of Jim. How did discovering and using his spiritual gift transform his perspective on serving the Church? What lessons can we learn from his experience?

Let's Act

What steps can you take to actively use your gifts for the benefit of the Church and the glory of God? If you're unsure of your gifts, check out wooddale.org/serving to complete a Spiritual Gift assessment.
