

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

Teaching on Spiritual Gifts

Begin by asking your group members: What is your current understanding of spiritual gifts?

Share the following definition of a spiritual gift: A spiritual gift is a gift of grace given to every believer by the Holy Spirit for the building up of the Church (1 Cor. 12:11).

Here are some characteristics of spiritual gifts in the Bible:

Gifts are *corporate*. They are for the good of the Church, not the individual.

Gifts are *collective*. Every believer has at least one spiritual gift (Eph. 4:7).

Gifts are *constructive*. The Church becomes strong when each person uses their gift.

Our Groups are focusing on spiritual gifts this week so that every believer can grow in discipleship, which happens when we use our spiritual gifts to serve one another in the Church (**1 Pet. 4:10; Eph. 4:7-16**).

The Spiritual Gifts Survey

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Have a few of your group members read these Scripture passages out loud.

*Rom 12:6-8
1 Cor 12:8-10
1 Cor 12:28-30
Eph 4:11
1 Pet 4:9-11*

2

Hand out the *Spiritual Gifts Survey* document. Have everybody answer and score the 80-question survey.

Allow for 30 minutes. Encourage your group members to move quickly. Don't spend too much time on one question.

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After everybody is finished with their survey, have each group member circle the 3 gifts that they scored the highest in. These are gifts that they may have.

Have each group member share their results. Use the definitions found on the front of the survey as needed.

Using Your Gifts in Your Group

Walk through the *Using Your Gifts in Your Group* document with the group. Use it to determine areas in which members can use their gifts to serve in the group. (*i.e. If you have the gift of service/helps, you could use it to help organize the meals for your group.*)

Ask your group members to prayerfully consider one or two areas where they could serve. Come prepared to share at your next group meeting.