



Sermon Discussion Guide

February 22, 2026

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: Our spiritual gifts are an expression of God's grace to us and others.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. What is a fad or fashion trend that you fell prey to in your teenage years? What is a fad or fashion trend going on now that you don't understand?
2. What is one of the greatest gifts you have ever received from someone in your life?

Transition / Open in prayer

3. If Jesus wrote you a letter, what kind of letter would it be:
- a love letter - a "come-to-Jesus" letter - a "get-well" letter
- a "how's it going" letter - a "missing-you" letter

Life Examination:

READ Matthew 16:13-23

4. Why did people think Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, another prophet, or the Messiah? What contributed to their understanding of who He is?
5. This is the first time Jesus' uses the word "church". What does that word mean? How does Jesus build it?
6. What do we learn about Peter in this passage?
7. What do the keys in verse 19 symbolize?

READ 1 Peter 4:7-11

8. What is the purpose of our spiritual gifts?
9. What does it mean to you to be called an administer of God's grace? What is the job description of a grace administrator?
10. Why do you think Peter chooses these two gifts, speaking and serving, to make his point?

Life Application:

11. From what you know about Peter, in what ways do you relate to him and in what ways is he a mystery?
12. If someone asked you, "Who is Jesus?" what would you say?
13. What are a few spiritual gifts that you have seen operating in the lives of others?
14. What gifts do you think the Spirit is developing in you?
15. Why do you think the Bible refers to spiritual gifts as expressions of God's grace?
16. What are some effective ways to discover your spiritual gifts?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and specifically for each person to use their gifts for God's glory.