

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker: If you could be one kitchen appliance or gadget, what would you be and why?

1. Pastor Tom opened his message telling us that the subject of spiritual gifts has been "misunderstood or misapplied; or that so many people are confused and/or uninformed about." Has the subject of spiritual gifts been something you've struggled to understand? If so, in what ways have you struggled?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1, 1 Timothy 4:14 and 2 Timothy 1:6. The author of these passages, the apostle Paul, placed great emphasis on the importance of spiritual gifts. According to Paul's encouragement here, why is it important that we understand spiritual gifts?
3. Pastor Tom defined spiritual gifts as "*abilities (natural or supernatural) that the Holy Spirit gives to fulfill the mission of Jesus through His Body.*" How does this definition compare with what you've understood in the past as discussed in question 1?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. Pastor Tom explained that when we say YES! to Jesus as our Savior and Lord, we are given a spiritual gift to be used...we're given them so we can DO things for God and others in His Body, the local church. How can your commitment to participate in the BIG 3 at Riverside help you utilize the spiritual gift(s) God has given you?
5. Review in the Message Notes the ways we can "fan into flame" the spiritual gifts Holy Spirit has given to us. Have you tried any of these ideas in the past? What was the outcome? How does trying something give us a better understanding of our gifts than tests/inventories/surveys?
6. As small group members, you have the unique opportunity to see each other's spiritual gifts as you spend time together, serve together and go through life's ups and downs together. How have you been strengthened, encouraged and unified by one another as you use the gifts you've been given? Take time to pray together, thanking God for Holy Spirit's gifting within your group and for help to "fan into flame" the gifts He has given to each Jesus follower.

PERSONAL GUIDE

DAY ONE: Acts 26

DAY TWO: Acts 27

DAY THREE: Acts 23

DAY FOUR: Galatians 1

DAY FIVE: Galatians 2



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NEW DAY
NEW SEASON

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A DIFFERENT LIFE



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"WHEN IGNORANCE ISN'T
BLISS - PART I"
FEBRUARY 9TH 2020



“When Ignorance Isn’t Bliss” (Part 1)

[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

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Only Jesus followers have spiritual gifts (note 1 Corinthians 12:13).

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COME EVERY SUNDAY

BE PART OF A GROUP

SERVE OTHERS

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2. How Can We “fan into _____” the Spiritual Gifts the Holy Spirit has Given Us?

- A. Realize there’s a difference between spiritual gifts and Christian _____ - note Hebrews 11:6a and 2 Corinthians 8:7
- B. Explore the _____ - www.emalliance.org/about/beliefs/perspectives/spiritual-gifts
- C. _____ with spiritual gifts—forget tests/inventories/surveys..._____ something!
- D. _____ my feelings—there should be a sense of _____ and fulfillment in using genuine spiritual gifts.
- E. _____ my effectiveness—spiritually gifted people get _____ (not perfection, so failure can be risked).
- F. Expect _____ from the Body—we need the Body to affirm our spiritual gifts or _____ our misperceptions.

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- If you have said YES to Jesus as Lord, then the Holy Spirit has _____ you, and He has given you at least one (and maybe more) spiritual gift (s) that are intended to help you carry out Jesus’ _____ and bless and strengthen this local church with effective ministry, _____ encouragement, and unity.

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