Home Group Notes
Week of July 27, 2025
"Powerful" – The Service Gifts



ALL HANDS ON DECK!

"All hands on deck" comes from nautical language, where it meant all sailors were needed on deck, even those usually off-duty. It became an idiom meaning that everyone available should help. When, in your experience, was it a situation of "all hands on deck?"

LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE

We are in a series about the work and roles of God, the Holy Spirit. As we have learned, the Holy Spirit distributes Spiritual Gifts to every believer. Review the following verses and what we learn about God's plan to serve and grow the church.

- Luke 9:23
- Philippians 1:20-22
- 1 Peter 4:10
- Colossians 3:23-24

The following are descriptions of five of the Spiritual Gifts. Review each of them and how they are important to God's plans to build-up the family of God and fulfill the call to make disciples.

THE GIFT OF SERVICE: The gift of Service is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to identify the unmet needs related to God's work and to make use of available resources to meet those needs, resulting in strengthened ministries and desired outcomes. (Romans 12:7)

How do you think this gift is demonstrated in God's family, the church?

How might one recognize that this is their gift?

In what ways could someone with this gift help the church make disciples?

THE GIFT OF HELPS: The gift of Helps is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to come alongside others in the church who are serving, thus enabling them to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts and service. (1 Corinthians 12:27-28)

How do you think this gift is demonstrated in God's family, the church?

How might one recognize that this is their gift?

In what ways could someone with this gift help the church make disciples?

THE GIFT OF GIVING: The gift of Giving is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness, resulting in meeting the church's needs in specific and generous ways. (Romans 12:8)

How do you think this gift is demonstrated in God's family, the church?

How might one recognize that this is their gift?

In what ways could someone with this gift help the church make disciples?

THE GIFT OF MERCY: The gift of Mercy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to gladly and compassionately help those suffering or in need, resulting in hope and help that reflects the love of Jesus. (Romans 12:8)

How do you think this gift is demonstrated in God's family, the church?

How might one recognize that this is their gift?

In what ways could someone with this gift help the church make disciples?

THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY: The gift of Hospitality is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body to provide shelter, food, fellowship, and other resources to believers, especially strangers, resulting in a deep awareness of love and care. (Romans 12:13)

How do you think this gift is demonstrated in God's family, the church?

How might one recognize that this is their gift?

In what ways could someone with this gift help the church make disciples?

ALL OF THESE GIFTS HELP US LEARN TO KNOW, LOVE, AND FOLLOW JESUS TOGETHER.

HOW CAN I KNOW WHERE TO SERVE?

