

CALLED TO THIS

Week 3 | *Gifted with Purpose, Sent on Mission* | Teacher: Libin Abraham
Sermon Questions for 9.13.2026

OPENER

We often reserve the word gifted for people who are exceptionally talented, whether it is a star athlete, a gifted musician, or a well known spiritual leader. That kind of thinking convinces us that some Christians are gifted and the rest of us are not. But the New Testament tells a different story. The moment the Spirit of God takes up residence in a person, that person becomes a carrier of the life, presence, and power of Jesus. Libin invites us to see that every Christian, without exception, has been given a spiritual gift and a purpose to use it.

READ

Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11

MAIN POINTS

1. One Body to Each Person

Paul begins Ephesians 4 by describing all that believers share: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father. But after establishing our oneness, Paul turns to what makes each of us unique, writing that grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Grace does not just save us, it enables us, empowering us to serve one another in ways beyond our own natural talent.

2. Spiritual Gifts are for Service

Ministry is not what the staff does while the congregation watches, it is what the whole body does when every person is equipped and released. A spiritual gift is grace God gives you to serve someone else in need, whether that need is mercy, wisdom, courage, provision, direction, or a place to belong. Your gift may be in you, but it was never given merely for you.

3. Every Gift is Necessary

Some gifts feel small and unnoticed, like a pinky toe you never think about until you hit it against a coffee table at two in the morning, yet even that small part helps carry your balance. When one part of the body refuses to use its gift or compares itself to another, the whole body loses something. Bent Tree is being built right now through the cumulative grace gifts of hundreds of people, and every one of those gifts, however hidden, is essential.

ENGAGE WITH GOD IN A GROUP

- When you hear "gifted Christian," who comes to mind, and how does that compare to what Libin said about every believer being spiritually gifted?
- Libin said grace does not just save us, it enables us. Where have you experienced God's grace giving you strength beyond your own?
- Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 together. Whose voice or story has helped you recognize a gift God has placed in you?
- Libin compared small, unnoticed gifts to a pinky toe. What is a quiet gift you have seen someone else use that made a real difference?
- Of Libin's questions for discerning your gifts (what moves your heart, where others have affirmed you, where your service bears fruit, what brings you and others joy, where a need already fits you), which stands out right now?
- This week, what is one step of availability you can offer Jesus with the gift he has given you, even if you do not feel fully ready?

BOTTOM LINE

Every believer has been given a grace gift by the victorious Christ, not to make us impressive, but to serve others so the whole body grows into his fullness.