

Sermon Title: Gifted-Every Good Gift Comes from God
Sermon Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Romans 12:4-6a



Sermon Discussion Guide (8/31)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

Who is the giver of spiritual gifts? Why do you think it is important for us to know where our spiritual gifts come from?

In verses 4-6, what word or words are repeated? What does this repetition reveal to us about the nature of spiritual gifts?

According to verses 7-11, what are some of the ways that the Spirit is manifested through us?

Read Romans 12:4-6a. What does this Scripture reveal about the unity and diversity found within the Church body? Why are both unity and diversity important for the Church body to be complete?

Application

Why do you think we don't often see using our spiritual gifts as necessary for doing what Jesus did and carrying out our ministry within the world? What reservations or hesitations do you have about operating out of your spiritual giftedness?

What is the difference between a hobby or personality trait and a gift empowered by the Spirit? Where have you seen God's Spirit at work through yourself or another person, where it was clear God's power was being manifested in a way beyond someone's given natural abilities?

My gift is not just for me. It is for us. How would it change your understanding of spiritual gifts if you saw your gift as being essential for the good of the whole church body?

The first step in living out of our spiritual giftedness is to receive the gifts we have been given, yet many of us struggle to openly receive our spiritual gifts. What is keeping you from fully receiving your spiritual gifts? Is it comparison with others, a feeling of apathy, a fear of messing up, or something else? How is God calling you to move past this feeling so that you can more fully receive the spiritual gifts that God has given you?

Prayer

Gracious and Generous God, we come before You today with grateful hearts, acknowledging that every good and perfect gift comes from You. Thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us and who empowers us with gifts to serve in Your name. Lord, we confess that too often we neglect our gifts. We allow fear, pride, or apathy to keep us from stepping fully into what You have given. Forgive us for the times we have neglected to live into our giftedness. We surrender ourselves to You, O Lord. Take our lives, our talents, our time, and our gifts, and use them for Your glory and for the furthering of Your Kingdom.