

Sermon Title: Gifted-The Motivational Gifts

Sermon Scripture: Romans 12:3-8



Sermon Discussion Guide (9/14)

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 Romans 12:3-8 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

What do these verses reveal to us about our need for humility? Why is humility important in order for us to use our spiritual gifts in a way that builds up others and honors God?

How does the use of the body metaphor help us to see the need for our specific spiritual gift to be exercised? How does this metaphor help us to see the need for others to exercise their specific spiritual gift?

For the final observation question, below are specific passages of Scripture that describe each spiritual gift in more detail. As time allows, select one or more passages to read. Prophecy- 1 Corinthians 14:3, Serving- Colossians 3:23, Teaching- Nehemiah 8:8, Encouraging- Hebrews 10:24-25, Giving- Mark 12:41-44, Administration- Nehemiah 2:17-18, Mercy- Luke 10:25-37. Then, discuss the following question for each passage read. How do these verses support or challenge your prior understanding about what this gift means and how this gift is used?

Application

Have you ever felt like you were wired or saw the world differently from someone else? What would it look like for you to see these other people as being gifted by the Spirit in different ways than you?

Each spiritual gift has its own uses and also its own dangers. Which of the dangers for spiritual gifts mentioned in the sermon most fully resonates with the areas for spiritual temptation you face within your own life? How can you guard yourself against these dangers so that you do not misuse your spiritual gifts?

The litmus test for determining our spiritual gifts is to ask if our activity blesses others and brings glory to God. What would it look like for you to filter the way you use your spiritual gifts through this lens?

In Pastor Kenny's sermon, he shared with us four ways to help us discover our motivational gifts: a) Ask the Holy Spirit, b) Reflect on the past, c) Listen to affirmation, d) Experiment. If you already know your motivational gift, what is one step you will take this week to use these four ways in order to deepen your understanding of how God is calling you to serve within your giftedness? If you do not know your motivational gifts, what is one step you will take this week to use these four ways in order to begin to discover your motivational gifting?

Prayer

Gracious and giving God, we come before You with gratitude that You have not left us to walk this life in our own strength, but You have filled us with Your Spirit and entrusted us with gifts for the good of Your Kingdom. Thank You that each of us is uniquely wired to reflect Your love and advance Your mission in the world. Lord, forgive us for the times we have compared ourselves with others, sought recognition, or became stuck in complacency. Teach us to walk in humility, guard us from pride, and help us to rejoice in the gifts You have given to others as much as in the gifts You have given to us. Holy Spirit, stir in us a fresh awareness of how You have shaped us. Give us clarity where we are unsure, give us confidence in our doubts, and give us unity so that our many gifts may reflect Your love. For we pray this in Jesus's name, Amen.