

Here are some talking points to start using to get your group talking to each other and to start generating meaningful conversations. You want others to do most of the talking.

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group. Ask a question to get your group thinking. Which part of the message was most impactful to you and why?

Start Sharing & Talking About the message. **NOTE: Pastor may not cover all points in all services.**

Setting/Open: God blesses His people spiritual gifts. We are to practice our gifts and enjoy the resulting fruit.

1. What does Pastor Ed say are the best gifts? **A.** The best gifts are the ones He gives to each of us. Whatever gift God gives me it the best gift for me. **1Cor 12:31**
2. Where is a miserable place to be when it comes to serving? **A.** It's where we are serving in an area, position or setting where we are not gifted. Serving in an area that does not fit our personality or character. A task for which we are not equipped.
App: Don't try to do what you were not called and gifted to do.
3. We should desire to serve God where He wants us to serve. He knows us and has prepared ministries for us. **Eph 2:10**

Guidelines for knowing where to serve:

1. **What comes naturally?** What happens automatically in your life when a need arises?
2. **What moves you spiritually?** Is there something that compels you spiritually to act (e.g. sharing the gospel)?
3. **What is God blessing in your life?** What areas of ministry are you gifted and called to that God is blessing? This is an area in which we may encounter open or closed doors.
4. **What is confirmed by the elders?** Do the church elders see in you what you see in yourself? Do they see in you what you don't see in yourself? **Note:** The elders don't assign gifts to people, they recognize gifts in people.

Why Gifts Exist:

1. **V12 To equip us.** Grk – to make fully ready or complete for the work of ministry. We are enlisted, trained, prepared and then sent out. This is discipleship. **Luke 6:40**
2. **V12 To edify us.** Grk – to build up, to help, to support. We build each other up. The primary tool used in the church to edify and build up people is the Word of God. Side Note: So many people come into the church asking, "what are you going to do for me." The proper attitude of a mature Christian is, "how can I serve you?"
3. **V13 To mature us.** Grk – to perfect us. This is the sanctifying process. We are expected to grow up spiritually and to exercise our gifts.
4. **V14-15 To protect us.** Exercising our gifts protects us from the many sources of false doctrine. **John 14:25-27** The only winds we pay attention to is the move of the Holy Spirit in and through us. **John 3:8** **App:** Stop wasting time watching videos on YouTube that show weird or aberrant doctrine. And don't send them to Pastor Ed.
5. **V16 To promote Love.** Exercising our gifts through service is an expression of love.

Start Praying & Start Doing. Please remember to fill out the LIFEgroup meeting assessment form after your meeting. Here is the link: <https://subsplash.com/u/-3VJ3ZF/forms/d/439cdb6e-6d23-4b0a-9aeb-05199f86a9f2>

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Why God Gives Spiritual Gifts

Ephesians 4:11-16

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