

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 wants every believer to know our spiritual gift so that we can “be in the game;” engaged in ministry. Everyone has a place in the body and works to do. **Eph 2:8-10**

1. How will it help us to know what our spiritual gifts are? **A.** It keeps us from wasting time; increases our effectiveness; we will serve with more joy & satisfaction; reduces frustration, reduces comparison to others and less burnout; we will serve in the power of the Holy Spirit and not in the strength of our flesh. **Gal 3:3**
2. **Rom 12:6-8** What are the two categories of gifts? **A.** Verbal & non-verbal. Verbal gifts: prophecy, teaching, exhortation, mercy. Non-verbal gifts? Service, Giving (both).
The pattern for discussing the gifts: Define the gift; how did the gift operate in the life of Jesus; see an example of how the gift operated in the NT; review the hazards & dangers.
3. Define the gift of Prophecy: **A.** Declaring the truth. Literal meaning? **A.** to cause to shine. **2Peter 1:19-21**
4. What is the difference between the OT & NT meaning of prophecy? **A.** In the OT prophecy was **foretelling** of the future; in the NT it is **forth-telling** of God’s Word as He has already revealed it. **1Cor 14:2-3**
5. How do people with the gift of prophecy see things? **A.** In black & white. What personality traits might they exhibit? **A.** They are bold, outspoken, persuasive, leaders, grieved by sin, & serious. Not known for having a sense of humor. Paul encouraged people to desire the gift of prophecy. **1Cor 14:1**
6. Why should we desire to have the gift of prophecy? **A.** Because it enables a person to edify (build up & encourage), exhort (to move someone) and comfort others. **14:3**
7. How did this gift operate in the life of Jesus? **A.** Jesus spoke forth that He was the fulfillment of **Isaiah 61:1 Luke 4:16-22**
8. Where is the operation of the gift of prophecy in the NT? **A.** Review **Luke 1:67-80; Acts 2:37-40; and 1Tim 4:13-15**
9. How do we see the gift of prophecy operating today? **A.** It comes from a very strong thought or impression from the Holy Spirit that we are to share a Word of exhortation, correction or encouragement with someone. We are to obey the Holy Spirit who is with us always.
10. What are some tests for false prophets? **A.** Does the prophecy line up with the Word of God **Duet 18:17-22**; does it line up with the facts; does it honor Jesus **Duet 13:1-5**
11. What are possible pitfalls for those who exercise this gift? **A.** 1) They may lack sensitivity to the feelings of others. The person may be judgmental & condemning. It’s hard to admit being wrong and think mercy people are backslidden whiners. **Eph 5:15**
2) The person may be discouraged by a lack of response from other people. 3) They get too excited & lose self-control causing confusion. **1Cor 14:30-33**

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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Spiritual Gifts - Prophecy

Eph 4:11-16 & Romans 12:6-8

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