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Spiritual Gifts – Gift of Teaching Eph 4:11-16 & Romans 12:6-8 Pastor Ed Taylor

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: All believers should know their spiritual gifts and "get in the game" of ministry. **1Tim 2:20-21**

Gift of Ministry or Service:
Definition: The gift of teaching is a verbal gift defined as explaining the truth. Grk - diadasko: To instruct or teach by the word of mouth. A teacher desires to share information to influence or change someone's mind. The word denotes both teaching and learning. Teachers are divinely gifted with special ability to interpret & and systematically present God's Word so that people can understand it.

Personal traits: If you have the gift of Teaching you: love to study, read, do research and enjoy learning. Enjoy helping others learn. Are detail oriented and insist on accuracy. Like to explain how & why and make sure that the person understands what has been taught. May have a hard time giving a simple answer to a simple question. Ask a lot of questions, even to the point of being annoying because you want to learn and know the topic. Are self-disciplined and dig into the Word to find answers. Find information where it is lacking. Don't like not being understood.

How the gift operated in the life of Jesus? Jesus is called Teacher in the NT. **Mark 1:22, 6:6** Jesus even taught after His resurrection on the road to Emmaus. **Luke 24:27-32**

Where did this gift operate in the NT? The apostles had the ministry of teaching. **Acts 2:42, 4:2, 5:21 Point:** The primary function of a pastor-teacher is the systematic teaching of God's Word. **1Tim 3:2 & 4:16 and Titus 1:9**

Pitfalls & Dangers – 1) You may show a lack of preparation. **2)** You are a Fact-Dumper. People need more than the facts; they need to know how to apply them (like in a good LIFEgroup). **3)** You begin to lack humility because you have so many facts and knowledge. **1Cor 8:1-3 4)** You begin to lack integrity if you are not walking what you are talking. **Point:** Teaching needs to come <u>through</u> you not just <u>from</u> you. **Titus 2:7 5)** You forget your audience and make the simple complicated. Keep it simple. **6)** You can get irritated quickly and lack patience with slow learners or those in error. **2Tim 2:25 7)** You can easily get discouraged because you don't think you are doing a good job, or because people are not changing fast enough. Whose responsibility is transformation? **A**. God's

Encouragement: Be faithful to your gifting, teach in the power of the Holy Spirit and allow God to complete the work.

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

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