

OPENING DISCUSSION STARTER

Ask people to share their results from the link or QR Code from Sunday.
(If they didn't do it yet - pause for 10 minutes and have everyone do it)

ASK

Do certain things trigger a response in you? Think about the way you react to some things. Do these reactions line up to your spiritual giftedness? Many times how you react is an indicator to your spiritual gifting. Any examples?

READ

Read **I CORINTHIANS 12:1-11**. What are some of the Spiritual Gifts listed? Have you considered all of these. Take a few moments and read through the following list...

APOSTLES: Means "One who is sent" a messenger. We need apostles to go with the **power of the Holy Spirit into a darkened world**. The ability to minister cross-culturally. (Eph. 4:11)

PROPHETS: The divine enablement to proclaim God's truth with power and clarity. It's having a conviction to **express TRUTH in a timely and sensitive manner** for the purpose of correction, repentance or edification! (Eph. 4:11)

EVANGELISTS: Are those of you who's desire is **share your FAITH with others so that people will come to their own faith in Christ**, you can also be an encouragement to others who share that gift but are not walking in it! (Eph. 4:11)

PASTOR/SHEPHERD - TEACHER: You have a desire to **lead, nourish, protect, and personally care for the needs of the "flock" of believers**. You might not consider yourself a teacher, but people are learning from your example. Your life is an encouragement. Many times your gift also includes teaching, that is why this is the only dual gift on the list. (Eph. 4:11)

TEACHING: You have the divine enablement to **understand and give a detailed explanation** of Biblical Truth. (Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:28)

HELPS: (1 Cor. 12:28) The ability to enhance the effectiveness of the ministry of other members of the body. This is used differently than the gift of SERVICE. **Some suggest that service is more group-oriented and helps is more personal-oriented.**

ADMINISTRATION/LEADERSHIP: (1 Cor. 12:28) This word, like "helps" appears only once in the NT, and is used outside of the Scriptures to describe a **"helmsmen" who's job is to help to steer a ship to its destination**. A person may also have the gift of leadership without the gift of administration.

MIRACLES: (I Cor. 12:10, 28) The ability to serve as an **instrument through whom God accomplishes acts that manifest supernatural power**. Miracles bear witness to the truth of God and the power of His Word. The Gospel message carries with it great power to heal & redeem, but often God graciously uses miracles to open doors for even more proclamation.

TONGUES: (I Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 14:1-40) The ability **to receive and impart a spiritual message in a language the recipient never learned**. For other members of the body to be edified - this message has to be interpreted either by the recipient (1 Cor. 14:13) or by another person with the gift of interpretation 1 Cor. 14:26-28)

HEALING: (I Cor. 12:9, 28, 30) The ability to serve as a **human instrument through whom God cures illnesses and restores health**. The possessor is **NOT** the source of this power but a **vessel** who can heal only those diseases the Lord chooses to heal.

WISDOM: (I Cor. 12:8) The ability to **apply the principles of the Word of God** in a practical way to specific situations and to recommend the best course of action at the best time. This gift skillfully distills insights and discernment into excellent advice.

KNOWLEDGE: (I Cor. 12:8) The ability to **discover, analyze and systemize truth** for the benefit of others. A “word of knowledge” can also involve supernatural **perception!!!**

FAITH: (I Cor. 12:9) The ability to have vision for what God wants to be done and to believe confidently that it will be accomplished **in spite of circumstances and appearance** to the contrary. **The gift of faith translates vision into reality!**

DISCERNMENT: (I Cor. 12:10) The ability to discern the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. (I John 4:6) **With this gift one may distinguish reality versus counterfeits**, the divine versus the demonic, and true versus false teaching.

INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES: (I Cor. 14:13) The ability to translate into the vernacular a message publicly uttered in tongue. **This gift may be combined with the gift of tongues, or it can operate separately.**

ASK

Developing your Spiritual Gift is like exercising a muscle and it includes ongoing training and education. What kind of training could help you strengthen your gifts?

END WITH A TIME OF PRAYER