

LifeGroup Questions

Based On: 1 Peter 4:10-11

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Overview

A football team consists of 53 players. There are currently 32 teams in the NFL. Each of those 53 players has a specific role they need to play for the whole team to be successful. If players fail to fulfill their role the whole team suffers.

It is first down and 10 yards to go. The quarterback calls out a play in the huddle. All the players are amazed at his ability to call a play. Some say he is the best play caller in the whole league. Others praise him for his grasp of the game and knowing exactly how to defeat their opponent. After all the accolades the play is set to begin, but instead of fulfilling their roles all the players go back and sit on the bench. It is now 2 down and 10 yards to go. The quarterback calls everyone into the huddle and calls the play. Just like before everyone praises him for his football knowledge and ability to make the right call. When it is time to carry the play out everyone again goes back and sits on the bench.

It doesn't matter how good of a play is called unless each member of the team fulfills their role. Even if just one member of the team decides to go back and sit on the bench the whole team will suffer. Each player has a reason and has a purpose to fulfill.

In 1 Peter 4:10-11 we are reminded that everyone has the responsibility to use their gifts to serve one another. The temptation is to become boastful about one's gift. Peter reminds us that gifts represent God's grace. Whether you are speaking or serving, people should be seeing a reflection of God's grace in your life. All gifts are to be used for God's glory not self-exhortation.

Bible Study: 1 Peter 4:10-11

1. Has everyone in your group taken the SHAPE test?
<https://www.firstmbchurch.org/shape> Discuss as a group the results from the test.
2. 1 Peter 4:10. In what ways are using your gifts to represent God's grace?
3. Read Acts 9:36-43. This story is more than a miracle of bringing Dorcas back to life. She used her gifts to have an impact on those around her. After being raised from the dead the text says "especially the widows" came in to see her. She used her gift of sewing to serve. If she had just kept to herself would the community have asked for her to be healed? How can your gifting have an impact on those around you?
4. What does it mean to be a good steward of your gifts? Do you consider yourself a good steward of the gifts God has given you? Why or why not?

5. How can you encourage each other to use their gifts?