

Sermon Series: JOIN THE TEAM

Sermon Title: "Understanding Spiritual Gifts"

Scripture: Ephesians 4:7, 11-16 (NIV)

INTRO: The Holy Spirit is constantly _____ (working) in ministry, and HE invites us to _____ (work) with HIM

ORGANIZATION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. Christ is the _____ (Lord) and _____ (Head) of the Church
2. HE calls and equips _____ (Pastors) to oversee the Church
3. HE is the _____ (giver) of spiritual gifts to the _____ (members) of the Church
4. Each member of the Church is to _____ (use) their spiritual gifts

QUESTIONS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. What is a spiritual gift? A special _____ (attribute) given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the Church according to God's grace for use within the Body of Christ.
-“spiritual gifts are God's divine fingerprints on our lives” (John Maxwell)
2. Why do you need to know about spiritual gifts? They will benefit your _____ (own) personal life, they will benefit the entire _____ (church), and they will help you know God's _____ (will) for your life.
-“no local congregation will be what it should be, what Jesus prayed that it should be, what the Holy Spirit gifted and empowered it to be, until it understands spiritual gifts” (John MacArthur)
3. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? _____ (Edification) of the church, and _____ (Extension) of the church.
-“no gift has a primary purpose for the individual, it is always for the betterment of the Body of Christ” (Allen Gallimore)

GOALS FOR YOU REGARDING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. _____ (Discover) your Spiritual Gift
2. _____ (Develop) your Spiritual Gift
3. _____ (Use) your Spiritual Gift

CLOSE: “We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” (Romans 12:6-8)