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giving  
teaching  
exhortation  
apostleship  
leadership/ruling  
pastor  
evangelist  
prophecy  
gifts of tongues  
interpretation of tongues  
intercession  
faith  
discernment of spirits  
healing  
works of power  
words of knowledge/wisdom  
celibacy

# spiritual gifts

there are different  
kinds of gifts, but  
the same Spirit  
distributes them

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4

## Sunday February 24th

### LET'S TALK:

What do you think are some of the reasons why the Spiritual Word Gifts have been elevated over the other Spiritual Gifts in many churches? What was gained and what was lost by this approach?

WORD Gifts clarify the nature, action, and purposes of God.

There are 6 gifts in this category and we will examine them over two sermons. Part two includes Leadership/Ruling, Pastor, and Evangelist.

As Jon was describing each of the Word gifts in the sermon, which one(s) did you find you now understand better? In what ways?

### GO TO THE WORD:

Read Mark 10:42-45.

Discuss how our Lord and model Jesus, made it very clear that leadership among His followers was to be distinctly different from those called leaders in the world. What can be done to effectively apply, by example, a sense of willingness to be humble with unselfish servitude? What do you need for this to happen in your life?

Read 1 Peter 5:1-4.

What does it mean for a leader to follow the example of Christ, the chief Shepherd? How would this translate into better care and pastoring? How would the church be different if there was someone with the spiritual gift of pastoring in every group?

Read Ephesians 4:11-13 and 1 Corinthians 3:7-9.

All the spiritual gifts have an evangelistic component. They all lift Jesus up and pave the way for men and women to turn to him. The Holy Spirit has the only primary role in the evangelistic process. The body as a whole is commissioned to spread the Gospel. Discuss your thoughts and feelings on these statements. What is God telling you? Are you encouraged?

## **WHAT NOW:**

Read through these helpful definitions. Do you find yourself resonating with one or more of these word gifts? Who else do you know has these gifts?

Leadership/Ruling is the divine enablement to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God. Definition by Bruce Bugbee.

Shepherding/Pastoring is the capacity to exercise concern and care for members of a group so as to encourage them in their growth in Christ, which involves modeling maturity, protecting them from error and disseminating truth. Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

Evangelism is the special ability to communicate the Gospel message in relevant ways to unbelievers. Definition by Leslie B. Flynn.

Our giftings are confirmed in community. Take time for anyone to suggest ways they may have seen a particular gift in another group member's life or perhaps are wondering if it might be part of their gifting so that the group can confirm.

## **PRAY:**

Pray God will help you be what He gifted you to be in His body.

## **BEFORE NEXT TIME, ON YOUR OWN:**

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2, 5

What word gifts is Paul calling out of Timothy? Who in your life would you trust to give you that kind of direction from the Lord? Have you asked Him for such a person?

Read 1 Peter 3:15.

What Spiritual Disciplines are you practicing that indicate you are taking this verse seriously?

The Gospel is the Good News of what God has done in Christ to secure our salvation. Try to summarize the gospel in less than one hundred words.