# MANNA CHURCH HAWAIʻI - SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 1 , 2026 | Built Different pt. 8 “Spiritual Gifts”

**ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS:** What is one thing you are naturally good at that other people often ask you for help with?

**MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:**

God has not only given us the gift of the Holy Spirit, but He has also given each of us specific spiritual gifts to help us live out our purpose. In 1 Timothy 1:6-7, Paul reminds Timothy to fan into flame the gift God placed in him and not let fear hold him back. First Corinthians 12:4-11 teaches us that the same Spirit gives different gifts to each believer, and every gift has value. We are not all gifted in the same way because God designed us to need one another.

Our spiritual gifts are not meant to be kept to ourselves or used to build our own status. They are given to serve others and bring glory to God (1 Peter 4:10-11). Romans 12:4-6 reminds us that we are one body with different functions, and Ephesians 4:11-16 shows us that we grow into maturity as each person does their part to build up the body of Christ in love. Church is not just somewhere we attend to receive, but a family we are called to be part of and contribute to. We don't just attend church. We are the church!

As we use our gifts, love must always be at the center (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). Spiritual maturity is not measured only by how much we know, but by how we live, love, and serve others. We can begin by shifting from being consumers to contributors, discovering our gifts, developing them in community, and deploying them wherever God has placed us. Whether it's encouraging someone, showing hospitality, serving on a team, or leading a small group, every gift matters. When we use what God has given us to serve others, the whole body grows and God's love is experienced through us.

**GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)**

1. What is something you enjoy doing that makes you feel like you are contributing or making a difference?
2. Think about a time someone used their talents or abilities to help you. How did that impact you? 3. 3. First Corinthians 12:4-11 teaches that we all have different gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. Why do you think it's important to recognize that every person's gifts matter, even when they look different from our own?
4. Ephesians 4:11-16 reminds us that the church grows when every part is doing its work. How does shifting from being a consumer to a contributor change the way you approach church and community? ACTION STEP: What is one gift God has given you that you can begin using or developing more intentionally this week?

**PRAYER POINTS: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):**

● Pray that God would help us recognize the gifts He has placed in each of us, grow in confidence, and not allow fear or comparison to hold us back (1 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11). ● Pray that we would shift from being consumers to contributors, using our gifts to serve others with humility and love rather than seeking recognition for ourselves (1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3). ● Pray that every person would find their place in the church, develop their gifts, and use them to build up others so that we grow together in maturity and bring glory to God (Romans 12:4-6; Ephesians 4:11-16).

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# MANNAYOUTH DISCUSSION GUIDE

**ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS:** What is something you're really good at that your friends or family usually ask you for help with?

**MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:**
God has given each of us gifts and abilities, and He wants us to use them for a purpose. These gifts are not all the same, and that's a good thing! In 1 Timothy 1:6-7, Paul encourages Timothy to use the gift God placed in him and not let fear hold him back. First Corinthians 12:4-11 reminds us that the Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different people, but every gift matters. You might be good at encouraging others, leading a team, helping someone understand their homework, making people feel welcome, or noticing when a friend needs support. God can use all of these things!

God doesn't give us gifts just to make ourselves look good or get attention. He gives them to us so we can serve and encourage others (1 Peter 4:10-11). Romans 12:4-6 teaches that we are like one body with many different parts, and Ephesians 4:11-16 reminds us that we all have a role in helping the church grow. Think about your school, sports team, or family. Things work better when everyone contributes and does their part. The same is true in the church. Church isn't just a place we go to sit, listen, and receive. It's a family we get to be part of and help build. We don't just attend church. We are the church!

As we discover and use our gifts, love should always be at the center (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). Being spiritually mature isn't just about knowing the Bible or knowing a lot about God. It's also about how we treat people, how we love others, and whether we're willing to serve even when no one notices. We can start by moving from being consumers to contributors. That means looking for ways to use what God has given us instead of always waiting for someone else to do something. Maybe it's inviting a classmate to sit with you, encouraging a friend who is struggling, helping at home without being asked, joining a church serve team, or praying for someone. You don't have to wait until you're older or have everything figured out. God can use you right now, right where you are!

**GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)**

1. What is something you enjoy doing that makes you feel like you're helping someone or making a difference? 2. Think about a time someone used their talents or abilities to help you, whether at school, home, or on a team. How did it make you feel?
3. First Corinthians 12:4-11 teaches us that God gives everyone different gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. Why do you think it's important to recognize that everyone's gifts matter, even when they are different from yours? 4. Ephesians 4:11-16 reminds us that the church grows when everyone does their part. What is the difference between just showing up to church and actually being part of building the church? How can you contribute instead of always waiting for someone else to do something? ACTION STEP: What is one gift or ability God has given you that you can use to encourage, help, or serve someone this week?

**PRAYER POINTS: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):**

- Pray that God would help us recognize the gifts He has given us, grow in confidence, and not let fear or comparison keep us from using them (1 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11).
- Pray that we would stop waiting for others to do everything and look for ways to serve with humility and love, whether at home, school, church, or in our community (1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3). ● Pray that every student would find their place in the church, develop their gifts, and use them to build others up so we can grow together and show God's love to the people around us (Romans 12:4-6; Ephesians 4:11-16).

**Referenced Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12:4-6, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 1 Peter 4:10-11

## 2 Big Questions

**1) _____ am I?**

**2) _____ am I?**

## Identity changes _____!

**1 Peter 1:14-16 CSB** *As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. [15] But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; [16] for it is written,* ***Be holy, because I am holy****.*

**1 Timothy 1:6-7 ESV** *I remind you to fan into flame the* ***gift*** *of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, [7] for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*

The Bible is clear: We don't _____ church. We _____ the church.

### Gain Understanding: 5 foundational principles regarding Spiritual Gifts

1) The Holy Spirit_____ gifts.
2) _____ believer has a role in serving the body.
3) Gifts are given for the benefit of _____, not personal status.
4) _____ must govern the exercise of every gift.
5) The goal is a unified, _____ church (community of people) that glorifies God.

### 4 Steps to living out the gifts God has given you:

1) Change your thinking from _____ to _____.
2) _____ your spiritual gifts.
3) _____ your spiritual gifts.
4) _____ your spiritual gifts.

**Discussion Guide/Going Deeper** **Growth Track** **Join a Serve Team!**