

302: The Service Gifts

Series: Gift-ED (message 4) **Date:** March 14, 2021

For service gifts read:

- Romans 12:3-8
- 1 Corinthians 12

apostolos = one who is sent out

Exhortation = urge someone to do something

Admonition = correct; urge someone to stop doing something

Jesus gave pastors and teachers to equip His people for works of service.

Don't just go to church – BE the church!

sermon discussion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Festival & Easter Services – Easter Festival is Saturday, March 27 from 11am-3pm at our main campus. Food, live music, petting zoo, and more! Easter Sunday Services are at 6:30am, 9am, and 11am outdoors at our Trilogy property (corner of Temescal Canyon Rd & Trilogy Pkwy). Get all the info at [OBCC.CHURCH/EASTER](https://www.obcc.church/easter).

RECAP THE SERMON

Spend a few minutes discussing the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever worked in the service industry? What was it like? What makes for good service?
2. Which of the gifts described in this message stands out as a gift that God has given you, or someone you know? How have you seen it demonstrated or expressed? In other words, how has God worked through you (or them), beyond you, and for the church?
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-27.** In general, which gifts or talents do you think receive the most honor from people? What can we do to avoid shame or arrogance regarding our gifts?
4. **Read Mark 10:42-45.** How does Jesus's teaching and example help us understand the proper use or misuse of our gifts and talents?
5. Describe a time when you needed a care gift and someone in the church met that need. How would things have turned out differently if they hadn't exercised their gift and helped?
 - *A brief summary of the care gifts: 1) Mercy: Great sense of joy or distress with others. 2) Giving: Generously and joyously meets financial needs. 3) Hospitality: Sacrifices personal preferences for the sake of others. 4) Encouragement: Puts courage into others to act. 5) Exhortation: Urges someone to do something. 6) Admonition: Urges someone to stop something.*
6. What does it look like for someone to use one of the leadership gifts, but not have a formal leadership office or position?
 - *A brief summary of the leadership gifts: a leader is someone who is followed. Administration: Leads through organization. Pastoring: Shepherds, cares for disciples and helps them grow. Apostleship: ministers across borders.*
7. **Read Ephesians 4:11-12.** Are there ways that you have been waiting for church office holders (like staff or elders) to do ministry that you could be doing? What is holding you back from stepping into that ministry today?

GOING FURTHER

Memorize: *"But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* **Mark 10:43-44**

Explore your gifting by doing one or more of the following:

1) **Join a ministry** (membership class) – text **MEMBERSHIP** to **951-382-5111**.

2) **Discover your spiritual gift** by going to [obcc.church/gifts](https://www.obcc.church/gifts).

3) **Go through the LIVE Christ study (with your group or on your own):** Text LIVE to 951-382-5111 to sign up for the next Live Christ 5-week study or email JustinR@obcc.church to get materials.