

EPHESIANS

How It's Made

Main Scripture: Ephesians 4:7, 11-13
Ephesians 5:23, 1:22-23

Christ gives (v 7)

certain spiritual gifts (v 11)

(Rom 12:4-8; 1 Cor 12:4-11, 27-31; 1 Pet 4:7-11)

to equip followers of Jesus (v 12)

(Eph 2:10, 2 Tim 4:2)

- for building up the church (v 12)

- for unity (v 13)

- for maturity (v 13)

Gal 5:16, 22-23

Spiritual Gifts

Apostleship

The gift of apostleship is the supernatural ability to receive visions/ideas from God for new ministry initiatives and have the energy and determination to follow through. This spiritual gift resembles a spiritual entrepreneur. When they cast vision and call others to pursue this ministry initiative, people tend to follow their leadership and submit to their authority. Apostles often hear from God regarding the current health of the church and areas that need maturity, growth or correction. (Lk 6:12-13; 1 Cor 12:28; Eph 2:20, 4:11-13).

- Pay attention to new initiatives going on in the church. You may be a good person to jump on board a start-up team to help get behind a new idea to bring it into reality.
- Take time to listen to God and ask Him if there is anything He would have you pioneer to expand the mission of the church.
- Ask “Jesus, is there anything You want me to start that does not currently exist?”

Prophecy

The supernatural ability to “speak forth” or proclaim and interpret messages from God regarding current and future events, revelations or truths pertaining to a given situation. (Lk 7:26; Acts 15:32, 21:9-11; Rom 12:6; 1 Cor 12:10, 28; Eph 4:11-13).

- When you see others who are living life that does not reflect obedience to God, call them out. Use wisdom and discover what God’s truth says about specific choices, lifestyle, or choice.
- Champion reconciliation between people who may be in conflict or in division over things that take away from unity in the Bible and/or kingdom advancement.
- You may receive a word from God for the group. Have it discerned or tested and if it is agreed upon, then share it boldly. If you get a word for an individual, learn to discern and release the word at the right moment. Nights of Prayer are great times to share this gifting.

Evangelist

The supernatural ability to share the message of Jesus with people who don’t know Him with the hope, expectation and often result that they become a true Christ follower. (Acts 8:5-6, 26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Eph 4:11-13; 2 Tim 4:5).

- Know the Bible and practice sharing your faith and communicating your testimony. Understand what it means to share the gospel in full and clear ways.

- Be ready to answer
 - Why is Jesus so important to you?
 - How can I have a relationship with Jesus?
- Start praying for the non-believers in your life and spheres of influence. God often sets up “divine appointments” for us to walk into; are you open to stepping outside your comfort zone?
- Ask for God to give you awareness of opportunities and moments to bring up faith appropriately. (You may consider joining an organization that exists outside the church body or a Christian group within a secular institution.)
- Extend invitations to others to come to church or other faith-related functions. Heartland at times will offer invitations to Christmas or Easter services.
- Open up your home and life to invite unbelievers into a closer, more trusting relationship. Let them see your faith lived out. Consider opening up your small group to inviting non-followers to begin learning.

Pastor

The supernatural ability to guide, oversee, shepherd and spiritually build up a specific group of believers in matters concerning their faith in Christ and their role in the local church. (Jn 10:1-18, Eph 4:11-13, 1 Tim 3:1-7, 1 Pet 5:1-3).

- Model what it means to be a fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ.
- Lead a small group at Heartland; lead in any area of small groups where you are active and provide ongoing care for a group of people.
- Be willing to take time to help others grow in their relationship with God. Take time to ask God if there are specific people to whom He is wanting you to regularly reach out and give time.

Teacher

The supernatural ability to accurately communicate God’s word in ways that people understand spiritual truths and insights and therefore learn, grow and mature in Jesus Christ. (Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; Rom 12:7; 1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11-13).

- Join a teaching team in Heartland Kids, 56ers, or small group environments.
- Study, study, study the Word of God.
- Ask God, “Is there a topic that You want me to learn, develop and teach to a group of people that would further Your kingdom?”

Heartland Kids Weekend Bulletin

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Ephesians 4:7, 11-13

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



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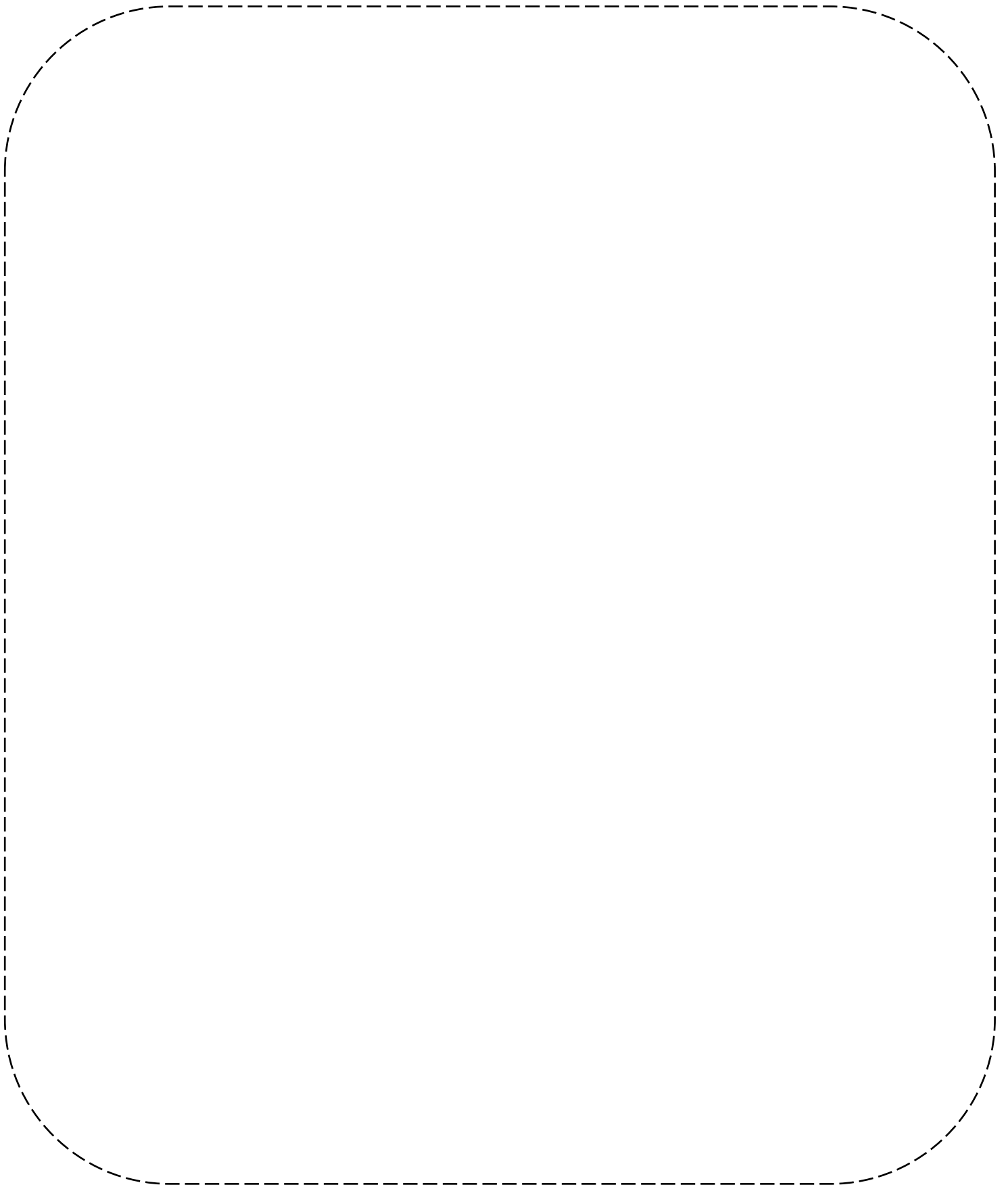
Some questions to discuss as a family:

How can you figure out your gift?

- 1) **Ask each family member to answer ...** What am I good at? What do I enjoy? What am I passionate about? The answers to these questions may show you hints about what your gifts are.

- 2) **Ask your family ...** What spiritual gift do you see in me?

Draw a picture of what you learned today.



Family Challenge

Have each family member complete the activity page.

As you get older and have more life experiences, your gifts will become easier to identify. Depending on your age, you have a lot of years to figure out what your spiritual gifts might be.

When you identify your gift – it doesn't mean that you can't be used of God in other areas outside of your gift. For example – we are all called to share the good news of Jesus to others – not just those who have the gift of evangelism!

We should all be growing in knowledge and experience of the Holy Spirit – and one way of knowing Him is by knowing the gifts He gives us. And the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to use these gifts – He **empowers** us.

Activity

Spiritual Gifts Action Word List	This describes me perfectly.	This describes me most of the time.	This describes me some of the time.	This doesn't describe me.
The following is a list of words associated with various spiritual gifts. Put one check mark in each row under the best way to describe you.				
1. Organize , list, straighten up, solve, manage, control, direct, oversee, rule, carry out, figure out, order, arrange, prepare, plan, prepare, collect, sort, set up, save, be on time, remember.				
2. Make , construct, design, invent, write, build, devise, assemble, put together, mold, form, beautify, embellish, adorn, fix, repair, improve, paint, create, share a creation with others.				
3. Know , make clear, clarify, simplify, clear up, summarize, solve, determine, resolve, decide, perceive, understand, judge, referee, notice, distinguish, make decisions, correct, listen, think.				
4. Talk , make friends, encourage, inspire, bring hope, make happy, fill with courage or confidence, support, cheer, coach, push, challenge, promote, comfort, assure.				
5. Persuade , compel, convince, win over, save, free, sell, win, reach, overcome, succeed, prevail, tell others.				
6. Share , give, care, offer, provide, contribute.				
7. Help , assist, support, aid, ease, relieve, take care of it, rescue, serve, join.				
8. Invite over , welcome, host, greet, care, love, chat, mingle, visit.				
9. Pray , advocate, uphold, support, defend, reconcile, appeal.				
10. Lead , build a team, tell others what to do, urge, direct, guide, demand, influence, initiate, start, dream, take charge, go first, make happen, convince, inspire.				
11. Perform , play and make music, entertain, applaud, cheer, clap, sing, keep the beat, whistle, worship, create, write music, display, feel strongly about God.				
12. Express kindness , show mercy, help, relieve, care, support, ease sorrow, comfort, empathize, sympathize, pity, aid, soothe, calm, love.				
13. Take care of , direct, steer, lead, guide, comfort, show how, help get ready, advise, counsel, meet with, to make friends, join, belong, care, love, protect, defend.				
14. Plead , persuade, convince, warn, urge, caution, correct the behaviour of, talk, speak, discuss, tell others to follow the truth, declare, reveal truth, speak truth.				
15. Figure out , instruct, clarify, explain, demonstrate, help others understand, investigate, study, read, research, look up, analyze, solve, examine, learn, discover, observe.				

Look at the chart. The check marks you put in the first 2 columns may be your spiritual gift(s). They are listed below. These are not ALL of the spiritual gifts.

These are the gifts: 1. Administration, 2. Artisan/Craftsmanship, 3. Discernment, 4. Encouragement, 5. Evangelism, 6. Giving, 7. Helping, 8. Hospitality, 9. Prayer, 10. Leadership, 11. Music & Worship, 12. Mercy, 13. Shepherding, 14. Preaching, 15. Teaching

A helpful list of the gifts with definitions can be found [here](#).

Discuss as a family.

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The Small Group Sermon Study

Ephesians 4:7, 11-13



Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message? What challenged you in this message?

2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. What does this tell us about how God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit) has structured and equipped the church for His purposes?

 - b. Are any of these gifts evident in our small group right now? Are there areas or gifts we are lacking in our small group?

 - c. How are we doing as a small group in equipping one another for serving through our spiritual gifts? How can we grow in this?

 - d. Are the results of building one another up, unity and maturity evident in our small group? If they are, what are some examples? If they aren’t, why not?

3. What don’t you understand or what other questions does this passage raise for you?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage or key theme stir up in you?

5. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you’ve heard?

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).