

Discovering and Deploying Our Gifts

Various Scriptures

Spiritual Gifts are...

- *Gifts of grace, exercised thru faith, for the building up of the church through equipping, promoting unity, and expressing love*

Principles Before Practice

- The Gifts are...
 - Given under the Lordship of Christ and for the glory of God
 - Sovereignly given
 - Given for the good of God's people
 - Worthless without love

Know Yourself

- Don't be proud
- Don't be dismissive
- Don't be independent

Know Your Gifts

- Ask the right question
- Pray
- Start serving
- Get feedback

For Life Group Discussion

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1. Is it appropriate to speak of the Christian life as an adventure (even a "great adventure," per the 1992 song)? Why or why not?
2. Read the definition of spiritual gifts on the front of this note sheet. Have you learned anything new as a result of this mini-series? What do you still have questions about?
3. Read 1 Cor 12:1-7, 11; 1 Cor 13; Rom 12:5-6; Eph 4:11-12; 1 Pet 4:10-11. Which of the 4 principles listed concerning spiritual gifts stood out to you? Why?
4. We considered three correctives from the Apostle Paul that shape our attitude toward our spiritual gifts. He warned us about feeling superior or inferior and about operating independently. Do you struggle in any of these areas? Explain.
5. Do you already have a good idea of how the Spirit has gifted you, and how you fit into the ministry of our church? Explain that to the group.
6. If you don't know what your gifts are, or how your gifts fit into church life at PBC, what intentional action will you take in the four areas listed (ask, pray, get moving, get feedback)? Be specific.