



the spiritual gifts

Small Group Guide: The Spiritual Gifts, Week 2

Key Takeaways:

1. Humans were created with the innate ability to commune and fellowship with God.
2. Sin marred but did not destroy our ability to communicate with God.
3. Humans are tripartite beings, composed of spirit, soul, and body.
4. The heart, from a biblical perspective, is a composition of the soul and spirit components.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Allen mentioned that Adam and Eve had direct communication with God in the Garden of Eden. How do you think this compares to our ability to communicate with God today?
2. Every human has an innate ability to commune with God, but it may need to be developed. What has been

your experience in developing this ability? What challenges have you faced?

3. How do you understand the concept of humans being tripartite beings (spirit, soul, and body)? How does this understanding impact your view of your relationship with God?
4. How does the biblical concept of the "heart" differ from our common understanding of the heart? How might this new understanding change the way you read certain Bible verses?
5. Pastor Allen mentions that the heart acts as a bridge between the soul and spirit. How do you see this playing out in your own spiritual life?

Practical Application:

1. This week, set aside time each day to consciously commune with God. Journal about your experiences and any challenges you face.
2. Choose a Bible verse that mentions the "heart" and meditate on it, considering the fuller meaning as explained in the sermon.
3. Practice being more aware of your spirit's functions (conscience, spiritual discernment, fellowship with God) in your daily life. Share any insights with the group next week.
4. Reflect on how understanding yourself as a tripartite being might change your approach to spiritual growth. What areas might you focus on developing?

Closing Prayer:

Encourage your group to continue reflecting on these concepts throughout the week and to come prepared to share insights at the next meeting.