

TRUTH: *What is God saying?*

Read Ephesians 4:1-16. In verses 11-15, what does Paul describe as the purpose of the spiritual gifts?

What do you think Ephesians 4:15-16 means, in your own words?

Why do you think God chose to bring maturity and growth about this way (using the gifts of others at work in our lives)?

EQUIPPING: *How do we live this out?*

Read Romans 12:4-8. How have you been personally helped by some of these gifts being used in the body of Christ (or possibly a gift not mentioned here)?

Look at the lists of gifts in Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:7-10. Think of the other men and women in your Gospel Growth group; what gifts do you see in them?



ACCOUNTABILITY: *How am I personally doing in this area?*

Which of these pitfalls are you most in danger of falling into in regard to the spiritual gifts?

- Envy the gifts of others
- Uninvolved/apathetic in using your gifts
- Self-centered, using gifts more to increase yourself than build up others

In what ways have you used the gifts God has given you to build up others or to advance the mission of Jesus?

MISSION: *Going out with the Gospel*

Hebrews 10:24 says, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love & good works.” What is one way you can build someone up *today* using the gifts God has given you?

SUPPLICATION: *Praying for what only God can do*

Spend some time in prayer thanking God for the way He has created and gifted you, and asking Him for opportunities to build up others and advance the mission with these gifts.