

Life Group Guide | May 2

S.H.A.P.E. ~ “S - Spiritual Gifts”



A guide for Life Groups, families or individual study. Life Group materials, including videos, are available at redeemerconnect.com/life-groups or on our new Redeemer Connects mobile app, downloadable from the iTunes and the Google Play stores.

FOLLOWING JESUS #1

Before your Life Group meets, learn more about how the Holy Spirit has gifted you to connect people to Jesus, take (or retake) the Spiritual Gifts S.H.A.P.E assessment available on the Redeemer website: redeemerconnect.com/spiritual-gifts. For more information about the S.H.A.P.E. components, go to redeemerconnect.com/shape. (See QR codes on next page.) Once you have completed your assessment, please add your result to your Realm profile at e.onrealm.org/serving. Add your top Spiritual Gifts to where it says Skills and Interests.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” (Psalm 139:13-16) As your creations, may we use our gifts from the Holy Spirit in sacrificial and joyful service. In your son’s name we pray. Amen.

CONNECTING QUESTION

If you could be a super hero, who would you be (you can create your own), and what super powers would you want to have?

SCRIPTURE READING

Read Aloud & Meditate on God’s Word: 1 Corinthians 12:1-12

WATCH VIDEO | SESSION I

EXPLORE THE TEXT

1. Who has been given spiritual gifts? Who are they from and for what purpose have they been given? (Verse 7)
2. From what foundation should Christ followers use their spiritual gifts?
(See 1 Corinthians 13:1-3)
3. Share what your spiritual gifts are with the group. How do you feel about your top gifts?

- Do you agree that they are correct? In what ways do you see yourself using these gifts?
4. How do the various spiritual gifts of your group complement each other?
 5. How does the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) contribute to developing and using your spiritual gifts?
 6. What are the important points Paul is making in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7? What are the important points Peter is making in 1 Peter 4:10-11? Merge their words together into a personal mission statement on using your spiritual gifts. Share with the group.
 7. Are spiritual gifts ranked in their importance in God's kingdom? Explain.
 8. Building up those in the body of Christ is critically important. Take time to share and affirm the spiritual gifts you see present in one another. How can you use your gifts to support members of your Life Group to discover, develop, and deploy their own gifts?

FOLLOWING JESUS #2

Are you serving at Redeemer in an area of one of your gifts? Share that area where you're serving and how you're using your spiritual gift(s). If you aren't, how can you begin to do so?

SCRIPTURE FOR EXTRA STUDY

Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:28-30; Ephesians 4:11-13

LIFE GROUP OPTIONAL PRAYER TIME - HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

CLOSING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ask the Lord to reveal your spiritual gifts and how he wants you to use them. Ask for direction to opportunities where you can encourage, heal, support, and serve others by those gifts. Pray for your Life Group to use your various spiritual gifts to serve others, glorify God, and expand His Kingdom here on earth. *Our Father...*



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