



Doctrine Discussion Guide

Week 8 | Gifts

Tell a time that you did something you knew you were good at AND it was something you had a lot of fun doing.

Read the CF Statement of Belief

God has given every believer the Holy Spirit as a guarantee of our salvation. The Holy Spirit enables us to live a holy life and uses us to accomplish His purposes in the world by gifting us to serve His church.

The Big Idea:

In order to empower us as a body of believers to accomplish what He has called us to do, He has given us spiritual gifts.

Theological Truths

1 Peter 4:10-11

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Opening Question

What has been your background with the topic of spiritual gifts?

Read these 2 Major Passages on Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the

utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Romans 12:3-8

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Discussion Questions

- What observations about spiritual gifts stand out to you from these passages?
- What similar concepts do you see in each of these passages?
- Is there anything that confuses you in these passages?
- If you were to explain spiritual gifts to a new believer, how would you explain them?
- Why is it so easy for Christians to get side tracked while talking about spiritual gifts and only focus on the miraculous ones?
- How would a small group function better by each of the individuals using their gifts?
- Which spiritual gifts jump off the page for you personally?
- Thinking about your own gifting, is there some specific way that God might be leading YOU to strengthen your group?
- What is one change you might make within your small group to allow people to step out and use their gifts?