

Week 2: Spiritual Gifts

<u>Discussion Overview</u>: Last week we looked at the life of the Apostle John. We saw that God used his personality, education, work ethic, spiritual gifts, passions, and experiences to prepare Him for the work of ministry. John played a huge part in teaching people about the gospel of Jesus and sharing His love with them. Over the next few weeks, we are going to look at your life and start the process of discovering how God is going to uniquely use you for a specific purpose. This week we are going to look at spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts are gifts from the Holy Spirit that are given to all people who put their faith in Jesus and are to be used for the building up of the church.

Key Scripture Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Ephesians 4:4-13, John 17:20-23

Getting Started

- What do you know about spiritual gifts already?
- What spiritual gifts do you think you might have?
- Before we go further, it is important to note that God gives us spiritual gifts not for our own gain or selfglorification, but for the building up of the church. In fact, spiritual gifts can only be fully utilized in the context of a local church.

Digging Deeper

- Read the three passages listed above. What are some of the gifts these passages list?
- In Ephesians 4:11-13, why did Jesus give certain gifts or leadership roles?
- Read John 17:20-23 where Jesus specifically prays for future believers. Why is it so important for the church to be unified?
- Take this spiritual gift test:
 - o https://spiritualgiftstest.com/embed-2/church-id/7339DD/
- Leaders here is a guide to the explanation of all the gifts:
 - https://gracechurchohio.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/AllCampusFiles/EVmiGj6d4G9Ugxdj6KTF ZWoBosQK9RX80qFUzMAuBYqRsg?e=KAG70x
- Discuss everyone's results and spiritual gifts. Does the test seem accurate to what you know about yourself?
- How are you going to use your spiritual gift to build up the church?