



This Week's Teaching Idea: *In the flow of God's Spirit you are gifted. You are the gift the Body of Christ needs. You are gifted in the way the Spirit desires. THEREFORE, be the gift in the Spirit's flow*

GETTING STARTED

DISCUSS: Think for a moment about gifts you REMEMBER receiving. Why do you remember certain gifts? And what do you think makes a great gift? (take a moment to kick that around; you might learn something new about someone!)

FOLLOW UP: Who in your life was that *someone* who encouraged you by affirming a talent or a gifting that you had? Did he/she surprise you with the observation/affirmation? How instrumental was that person in your life?

IN THE WORD - It's no secret (from a Biblical standpoint) that the fruitful work of God's Spirit happens **through** people whom God has created and gifted to make wonderful things happen. Peter writes, "As EACH has received a gift, USE IT to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

Below, find a list of the gifts, arranged in a way for you to do a bit of self-assessment. Have each one work his/her way from left to right. Doing so, assess what grace-gifting you have from the Holy Spirit?

<u>Question #1</u>	<u>Question #2</u>	<u>Question #3</u>	<u>Question #4</u>
1 Peter 4	Romans 12	1 Cor 12	Ephesians 4
Is my gifting more...?	specifically...?	Spirit endowing...?	Equipping the body...?
SPEAKING	teaching prophecy exhorting leading	languages/interpreting prophet wisdom, teaching, discerning apostles	Apostles Prophets Evangelists Pastors Teachers
SERVING	service giving, contributing acts of mercy leading	faith discerning spirits healing, miracles knowledge helping	

Describe your grace-gifting in a sentence. "The Spirit has gifted me to _____"

MY LIFE - OUR MISSION "Is the Spirit flowing through me?"

As you know, SERVING is one of Christ Community Church's three strategies, along with GATHER (in corporation worship), CONNECT (in groups for grown and accountability). When CCC-ers participate in each strategy, our mission of "connecting people to life-defining relationships in Christ" has an opportunity to make a real difference. TO WRAP UP...how are you employing your gifting in our mission?" Is there a specific way the Spirit is flowing through you in this way. Identify it...and share it.



- Pray for one another...and for our entire CCC team. Pray that we will
- a) grow in our corporate dependence upon the Holy Spirit
 - b) Take significant steps either to ENRICH our families or to REACH out to an international

Pastor David Staff: *How is the Lord using this in your life?* ☺

p.s. **LEADER GUIDE** on the reverse side.