

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

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***The Church: Belong to Become
Spiritual Gifts***

Read Romans 12.1-8

Jesus says in John 14.12, *Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.* The death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus brings the blessing of the indwelling Holy Spirit to all who believe in Christ. Those who are temples of the Holy Spirit are spiritually gifted to do great works for the glory of God.

According to 1 Corinthians 12.28-31, God has given gifts to the members of Christ's body by the Holy Spirit (12.11), and by the will of the Father (12.18, 28). This union in the work of the Trinity even more so points to the oneness that the Triune God longs for the church to have amongst their appointed diversity. The gifts are not by our choice, but by the will of God.

So what are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

(This is not a complete list of all the spiritual gifts in Scripture. DISCUSS.)

Hospitality

Romans 12.13; 1 Timothy 5.8; Proverbs 27.10; Galatians 6.10; Leviticus 19.34; 2 John 10-11 (Not extended to false teachers and others who are a danger); Matthew 11.19; John 14.2

Do you enjoy having people in your home?

Do you consider your home as a place of ministry?

When you think of your home do you view it from the perspective of guests who will visit?

Mercy

Romans 12.6-8; Matthew 5.7; John 11.35; Luke 10.30-37

Do you find yourself being drawn to people who are needy, hurting, sick, disabled or elderly?

Do you often think of ways to minister to those who are suffering?

Do you respond to people more out of compassion rather than judgment?

Leadership

Romans 12.6-8

Do others have confidence in your ability to lead?

Do you find leadership enjoyable rather than frustrating and difficult?

Do others look to you for input, to make the major decisions for a group or organizations?

Giving

Romans 12.6-8; Mark 12.42-43; Acts 4.34-37; 2 Corinthians 8.1-2

Do you enjoy giving your time, talent and treasure to others?

Do you give to the church regularly, cheerfully and sacrificially?

Do you find yourself looking for opportunities to give your money – even when no one asks?

Encouragement

Romans 12.6-8; Acts 4.36; John 8.11; Acts 14.21-22

Do people seek you out for advice and encouragement?

Do you enjoy walking with others through difficulties?

Are you patient with people?

Evangelism

Ephesians 4.11; Luke 19.10; Matthew 11.19; 2 Timothy 4.5

Do you enjoy being with non-Christians and sharing the gospel?

Does a person's conversion bring you much joy?

Do you enjoy teaching others how to share their faith?

Administration

1 Corinthians 12.27-28; 1 Corinthians 14.40; Exodus 18

Can you bring order out of chaos?

Do you organize your life, schedule, finances, priorities, etc.?

Do you become energized working on tasks and projects?

Helps/Service

Romans 12.7; 1 Corinthians 12.27-28; Luke 22.27

Do you enjoy helping others become more effective in their work?

When someone is doing a job poorly is your first instinct to help them instead of criticize?

When you hear of someone with needs, do you offer your services if possible?

Teaching

Romans 12.7; 1 Corinthians 12.27-28; Matthew 7.28-29; 1 Timothy 3.2; Titus 2.2-4

Do you enjoy studying and doing research?

Do you enjoy imparting biblical truth to others?

When you teach do people 'get it'?

(Many of the above notes are from a portion of www.theresurgence.com.)

Pray