

EMPOWERED BY

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ice Breaker: What was the most useful gift you've ever received?

Read: See sermon notes at midtownchurch.org/select-notes

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts
 - What are spiritual gifts? What are the different gifts of the Spirit?
- Every Believer has Gifts; The Body Needs Every Gift (Romans 12:4–8; 1 Corinthians 12:14-19)
 - Why do you think God gives different gifts instead of the same gift to everyone?
 - Which gifts listed in Romans 12 resonate with you or reflect what others have seen in you?
 - Why do “less visible” gifts sometimes feel less important? What is one gift in the church you think is often undervalued?
 - How does Scripture challenge the idea that some gifts matter more than others?
 - How can we better celebrate the uniqueness of each person in the body of Christ?
- Gifts Equip us for Ministry (Ephesians 4:11–12)
 - How have you seen the misconception that “ministry is only for pastors” play out in the church?
 - What does it look like practically for every believer to be involved in ministry?
 - How can church leaders better equip people to use their gifts?
- Don't be Ignorant or Neglect the Gift (1 Corinthians 12:1, 1 Timothy 4:14)
 - How might someone unintentionally neglect the gift God has given them?
 - What steps can you take to develop and steward your gift more faithfully?
- You are the Dwelling Place of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16)
 - How does knowing you are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit change how you view your abilities?
 - What is the difference between relying on natural talent versus Spirit-empowered gifting?
- For the Sake of Others (1 Corinthians 14:12)
 - Why is it important that spiritual gifts are used to “edify the church” and not just benefit ourselves?
 - How can we shift from a “me-focused” mindset to an “others-focused” mindset in using our gifts?
 - Who has been impacted in your life by someone faithfully using their spiritual gifts?
- The Greatest Gift: LOVE (1 Cor. 12–14)
 - What happens when spiritual gifts are used without love?
 - Why is love described as greater than all spiritual gifts?
- Closing Thoughts
 - Which of these phrases (unnoticed, unopened, unappreciated, misused) do you think is most common when it comes to spiritual gifts? Why?
 - What is one specific step you can take this week to use your gift intentionally?
 - Who can you encourage or affirm in their gifting this week?

