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Message 9: Understanding Spiritual Gifts

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GROUP GUIDE

This guide is designed to help you grow in your relationship with God and develop meaningful, lasting relationships with others. Get together with friends, or visit brookwoodchurch.org/groups to build some new relationships. *Let's grow stronger together!*

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CONNECT

Here are some questions to get the conversation rolling. Feel free to respond to any or all of these.

- What has God been bringing to your attention this week?
- If you could press the rewind button on your life, what would you change?
- On a scale of 1-7 (7 being *very!!* 1 being *not so much*), how clear is your purpose in life? Explain your response.

PRAY

Spend a few minutes in prayer, drawing your attention toward God.

- Take a few deep breaths to allow your mind and heart to settle.
- Ask God to break through the noise so you can hear His voice.
- Thank God for at least five things for which you're thankful.
- Name and pray for the first three people that come to mind.
- God, as I enter into this time of study and reflection, I pray You'd open my eyes to what is true. Lead me into deeper life with You. May our group and our church *reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.* **Ephesians 4:13 (NIV)**

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:3-8 (NLT)

³Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. ⁴Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. ⁶In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain

things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

EXPLORE AND DISCUSS

Don't rush through this. It's OK if you don't get to all the questions. The goal is to have meaningful conversations that help you grow in your understanding of the Bible and your relationship with God and each other. Sometimes it will make sense to go on to the next question. Other times, you might stop down and process a bit longer. Allow God to guide the pace of your discussion.

1. What warning does Paul give, and why is that important?

2. What does this passage teach you about spiritual gifts? Make a list of what you see.
3. Why does Paul use the metaphor of a body to describe spiritual gifts?
4. Have you ever taken a spiritual gifts assessment? If so, what were the results?
5. Have you ever wished you had someone else's gift? Which gift was it and why?
6. What would a church look like if everyone knew of and used their unique gifts?
7. How can you use your gifts:
 - In a particular role in the church?
 - In your Community Group?
 - In other areas of your life (work, neighborhood, serving in the community, etc.)?
8. What do these passages teach you about spiritual gifts?
 - Ephesians 4:11-13
 - 1 Peter 4:10-11
 - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 - Which of these truths/ideas are most significant to you? Why?

9. Based on this week's study, how would you describe the concept of Spiritual Gifts? Take a few minutes and write down your thoughts. Try to limit your response to two or three sentences.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. Take a Spiritual Gifts Assessment
 - Click the banner at the top of the app or website.
 - Visit the direct link: brookwoodchurch.org/spiritualgifts
2. Consider steps that will help you grow in your ability to use your gifts.
3. Ask God what He wants you to know and remember from this week's study and discussion. Share this with your group or with a friend, and pray for each other.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

One of the best ways to hear God throughout the day is to memorize Scripture. God often brings His words back to mind at just the right time!

Here's a verse to commit to memory based on this week's theme:

God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)