



## COMMUNITY

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

**Objective for Learning:** To be knowledgeable about spiritual gifts and how to discern and discover the gifts that you have been given.

**Objective for Living:** To have a working knowledge, familiarity, and confidence with exercising the spiritual gifts you have been given.

**Objective for Reproducing:** To be able to discern, call out, and help activate the spiritual gifts of others.

### Scriptures for Spiritual Gifts:

- 1 Corinthians 12:7-10
- Romans 12:3-8
- 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Ephesians 4:11-12
- 1 Corinthians 14:1
- 2 Timothy 1:6-7
- Romans 1:11-12
- 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what accountability is and why it is important?

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

#### Overview:

Though the Bible does not give a specific definition of spiritual gifts, we do get a sense of their nature and purpose. Spiritual gifts, or *charismata* in Greek, refer to God-given supernatural abilities given to followers of Jesus by the Holy Spirit for the building up of the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:7) and for evangelistic purposes (1 Cor. 2:4). Some gifts are supernatural abilities, such as miracles, healing, prophecy or tongues. Other gifts, such as teaching or administration are God-given abilities to perform a particular role for God's purposes. (While unbelievers may have similar gifts such as teaching, they vary because they are not under the guidance and the direction of the Holy Spirit.)

All believers are endowed with a spiritual gift(s) that God uses for His glory and purposes and is a way to empower believers to help bring heaven to earth as co-laborers with Christ. One of the best ways to figure out your spiritual gifts is to ask the faith community around you to help you discover your gifts by asking them what they see in you in regards to giftings. Ministry and the results of that ministry are also strong indicators of the gift(s) within you, although the Lord can move in any spiritual gift through anyone He desires at any given time!

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- What are some ways to determine what your spiritual gifts are?
- What does your community say about your spiritual gifts and what they believe they might be?
- What do you do if neither you nor the spiritual community around you have an idea what your spiritual gifts are? How do you move forward?
- What is the best way to grow and cultivate your spiritual gifts?

### **Questions for Reproducing:**

- What ways can you discern spiritual gifts in others?
- How do you help call out gifts in others and help them to grow in those gifts?
- How do you lead someone in a gift that is different than your own?
- If someone has the same gift as you, what ways can you effectively reproduce that gift in them?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.