

# Only God

COMMUNITY GROUP HIGHLIGHTS  
THE PURPOSE OF GIFTS

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WEEK 1  
SEPTEMBER 24-28

*Please use this space to take notes during the video.*

**You have been uniquely gifted by God to be participants in God's mission to restore the world.**

**You were created to participate with God in the ongoing creation of the world.**

Genesis 1.26-28

*So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."*

Psalms 139.13-16

*You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.*

**Sin broke everything, and God is now restoring the world through the church.**

Colossians 1.19-20

*For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.*

Ephesians 1.22-23

*And God placed all things under [Jesus'] feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

**You are shaped, gifted, and sent out to participate in this restoration**

1 Corinthians 12.7

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good*

1 Peter 4.10

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

Acts 17.26-27

*From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. "His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.*

## **The scriptures lay out three types of gifts**

*Shaping Gifts - help others shape how we view life, relate to others, and impact the world (Romans 12.3-8)*  
Exhortation, Giving, Leadership, Mercy, Service, Administration

*Sign Gifts - demonstrate the power of God through an individual for care (1 Corinthians 12.7-11)*  
Discernment, Faith, Healing, Helps, Knowledge, Miracles, Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation, Wisdom

*Service Gifts - help equip the overall church and are confirmed by ordination (Ephesians 3.6-8, 4.11-13)*  
Missionary / Apostle, Evangelism, Prophet, Pastor, Teaching

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **Connecting**

If you could have a superpower, what would it be? Why would you want that ability?

What do you really enjoy doing? What have you been told you are really good at? Do you think there is a connection between what you enjoy doing and what you are good at?

### **Looking Into The Bible**

From the scriptures mentioned in the video, was there one that surprised you or made you think?

Read Psalm 139.13-16 as a group. Which group do you find yourself in more often? Praising God for making you so wonderfully complex? Or asking God to give you gifts you see in others? Does understanding that God created you uniquely for His purpose help move you to the “praising God for making you wonderful and unique” side?

What is a spiritual gift? Where do these gifts come from? Check out 1 Corinthians 12.11 and Ephesians 4.11-16 for more on Spiritual Gifts. (We will dive into these more in the coming weeks)

In Ephesians 4, why do you think Paul talks about “oneness” and “unity” before he mentions individual gifts?

According to Romans 12.3-8 what brings us together? What sets us apart? What are we supposed to do with our gifts?

### **Applying It To Our Lives**

Do you know what your Spiritual Gifts are? Have these been confirmed by other people? Have you ever taken a Spiritual Gift test?

Spend 5 minutes to take the free online Spiritual Gifts test at [giftstest.com](http://giftstest.com). Make note of your top 5 Spiritual Gifts - we will be looking into these in the coming weeks.

We have each been given gifts by God for a reason. Help others in your group understand how they might use their gifts for God's kingdom (remembering Romans 12.10 to “*Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other*”).

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