

SHAPE STUDY QUESTIONS – Week two Oct. 11/12 Your Gifts, God’s Glory
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Opening remarks – This week’s message was basically a “Spiritual Gifts 101.” God doesn’t want us to “ignorant” or “uninformed” about spiritual gifts. Simply put: *spiritual gifts are given to be given*. We learned what they are (a supernatural ability given to all Christians to do God’s work on earth), what they are not, how we can discover them...and begin to use them to do God’s work in the church and the world.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7.

Paul shows us in the passage that each of us has been given unique spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of helping one another.

- What was your reaction to hearing that God has spiritual gifts just for you?
- How does knowing that the Holy Spirit has given a spiritual gift just for you affect the way you view yourself and your relationship with God?

Read Romans 12:6-8.

In this passage, Paul describes the various ways we can see spiritual gifts working in our lives.

- What are your spiritual gifts? If you’re not sure, what do you think they *might* be? If you know your gifts, share how you’ve used them in ministry.
- Why is it important for you to learn to recognize your spiritual gifts? How is a spiritual gift different from a personality trait, a natural talent, or a characteristic?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-12.

These verses also list the various types of spiritual gifts and how they can be used to help one another.

- How can/did you discover your spiritual gifts? If you do not know what your gifts are, discuss some ways you can begin to uncover them. (*In other

words, using the “Toolbox visual,” how can you begin to uncover and use the tools you have been given by God to do His work?)

- Share some things you’ve noticed in the past about each other that might help each of you uncover/affirm the gifts God has given to you.
- Some common TRAPS to avoid re: spiritual gifts are: **comparison** (comparing your gifts to other people), **projection** (wishing/expecting/preferring other people had gifts more similar to yours) and **rejection** (refusing to discover or utilize the gifts God has given you). Which do you see yourself most easily falling into?

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11.

This passage encourages us to use our gifts to serve one another and bring glory to God.

- Describe a time when you benefitted from someone using their spiritual gifts.
- How has God used your spiritual gifts to make an impact?
- One of the best ways to discover your spiritual gifts is by serving. If you are not currently involved in serving, where do you think you could begin?

NEXT STEPS//Put It Into Practice

If you have yet to take the online S.H.A.P.E. assessment to help you discover your spiritual gifts, go to cpc.shapesurvey.org. Also, consider seeking advice from other Christians that are actively involved in your life and gain their input on what they see in you, and/or how they discovered and developed their spiritual gifts.

PRAYER DIRECTION

Thank God for giving you spiritual gifts to unwrap over the course of this study. Ask him to reveal your unique are of giftedness through service to God’s Kingdom.