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YOUR JOURNEY

DISCOVERING YOUR FILTER



ONE THING THAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THE LATEST SERMON

OUTCOMES

Understanding the five-fold ministers that Christ has given to the body, and which you most align with.

CHRIST'S GIFT

- Apostles (Entrepreneurs)
- Prophets (Spiritual)
- Evangelists (Rep's)
- Pastors (Chaplains)
- Teachers (Word)

MEDIA RESOURCE

Danny Silk, Gifts of Christ video
www.bethel.tv/watch/3864/the-gifts-of-christ/2015/11/09

OPENER

Just as each of us has a unique fingerprint, so too each person who follows Jesus has a unique fingerprint of God's Spirit on them. Over the next three weeks we will be helping you to discover God's unique purpose for your life.

Fun Question: What was the first job you ever had?

GOD'S WORD

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all 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 4:11-13 NIV

FIVE LENSES OF THE CHURCH

Apostles (Entrepreneurs) are driven to see whole communities transformed in Jesus name. They seek nothing short of revival. They have a driven focus towards seeing the kingdom of heaven come and affect earth. They expect people will encounter God as they lay hands on them.

Prophets (Spiritual) see the spiritual in every situation, and look for opportunities to call out the purpose and calling on a person's life. They often see visions and have dreams that are from God. They call out what God sees. They often have incredible insight into a person's life or situation.

Evangelists (Ambassadors or Rep's) are uncomfortable with sitting in church; though they bring new believers into the church, and participate in church. They are constantly wanting



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1. Which lens do you most align with?
2. Who do you know who models this gift to you in the church?
3. What is one thing you can do this week to grow in this area? This year?

to reach people with the message of Jesus. Often times signs and wonders accompany them, including healing and words of knowledge. They are often leading people to faith in Jesus.

Pastors (Chaplains) have a heart for the community of church, and the command of Jesus to love one another. To them, everything is about relationship with one another and encouraging one another in Jesus' name towards the full maturity of Jesus Christ. They care for the health of all their flock: their marriages, families, parenting, personal well-being, and so on.

Teachers (Word) see through the lens of the Word of God. They hold fast to the truth of God's Word; they see every issue of life has an answer in the Word of God; and they have a heart to help people stand on the promises of the Word of God.

YOUR NOTES

DISCUSS

We are ALL called to seek his kingdom on earth (Mt. 6:10); to witness (Acts 1:8); to prophecy (Acts 2:17); to love one another (John 13:34); to stand on his word (Mt. 7:24). How are the five-fold ministers of Christ different to this?

How can the five-fold gifts become misunderstood; or even contentious with one another? If they are understood, how can you see them building unity of the body, and equipping the body?

What gifts / lenses do we have represented here in our Life Group? (Affirm what you see in each other). How can we lean on each other to equip and build each other up?



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FANNING THE FLAME OF YOUR GIFT



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OUTCOMES

Know your gifting and 'fan the flame' into maturity.

THREE QUESTIONS

LET'S MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What gift(s) has the Spirit given you to steward?
2. If you are unsure, what gift do you most desire?
3. What will you do this week to fan the flame of this gift, and step out in faith? This year?

OPENER

You have been given unique gifts of the Holy Spirit. In this study, we will focus on identifying and fanning the flame of your gift.

Fun Question: What is the worst gift you have ever received?

GOD'S WORD

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." – 2 Timothy 1:6-7 NIV

IDENTIFY THE GIFTS

Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Romans 12:6-8

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DISCUSS

Paul says to Timothy that he is reminded of his 'sincere faith'. How is sincerity and faith different to 'fanning the flame' of your gift(s)?



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HANDS-ON

LET'S GET PRACTICAL

Spend some time practicing on one another with your gift.

If you are unsure about where to start, start by seeking God in prayer together and see where that leads you.

Who is responsible to fan the flame? How do we fan the flame? What does Jesus say happens as we give out (Read Luke 6:38)?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:31a. We receive both his determined gifts, but Paul instructs us to eagerly desire the greater gifts. So gifts are both given and sought after. How can the following statement fall short of this, "If God wants me to have 'that gift', he'll give it to me"? Have you found yourself thinking this, or voicing it in some way? Share.

In 1 Corinthians 14:1, Paul instructs us to "follow the way of love" while seeking gifts of the Spirit. What does a loving environment look like to explore the gifts of the Spirit?

Read 1 Corinthians 14:12. What do we miss out on if we ignore the gifts of the Spirit?

Do you know what gift the Spirit has given you? (Affirm what you see in each other). Pray over each other, and help each other to discover the gift God has given each person.

YOUR NOTES

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FINDING A PLACE TO MEANINGFULLY SERVE



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OUTCOMES

Grabbing hold of the same heart of Jesus to serve one another in love.

YOUR PROFILE

YOUR HEART & DREAMS

YOUR FIVE-FOLD SHAPE

YOUR GIFTING(S)

YOUR VOLUNTEER INTEREST

THREE QUESTIONS

LET'S MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Which area do you most find your heart



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OPENER

We value you, and how God has gifted and wired you, and we want to help you find a place that facilitates your heart for people.

Share a good experience you have had serving as a volunteer for a club or an organisation, other than church; and what made it good?

GOD'S WORD

"And whoever wants to be first among you must become your servant. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." – Matthew 20:27-28

NLT

EXPLORING PLACES TO SERVE

Admin Assistant: Releasing leaders to reach further

- Life Group Assistant
- Specific Ministry Admin Assistant
- Intercessory Prayer Team

Hospitality: Loving people into the kingdom

- Welcomer
- Catering and Serving
- Host a Life Group
- Kids or Youth Ministry Helper
- Men's / Women's Ministry Helper
- Support Team: meeting the practical needs of people

Creative: Create environments where people encounter God

- Photography, Film, Editing
- Podcasts
- Website graphic design
- Stage design, lights, setup
- Events
- Worship musicians / vocalists

Teaching: Leading people to stand on the Word of God

- Kids Ministry Teacher
- Scripture Teaching
- Youth Leader

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beating for? (Releasing leaders; loving people into the kingdom; creating environments of God encounters; or God's Word)

2. If Jesus were to take you by the hand and show you his heart for serving, what areas do you think he would speak to you personally about?
3. What can you uniquely offer, that God is bringing to the forefront, that will lead others to come alive in their faith, and move toward our mission?

YOUR NOTES

A HEART TO SERVE

1. Live Generously

Going beyond people's expectations; and beyond the scope of our role. Showing up early and eager to serve.

2. Love People

Loving people, 'no strings attached'.

3. Team Player

Encouraging and building up team members; willing to stand with and train new volunteers; and take responsibility.

4. Serve with Excellence

Striving for excellence, driven by a passion for Jesus.

5. Pray

Soaking our ministry in prayer. We recognise we are carriers of God's Presence, not just a behind-the-scenes-volunteer.

DISCUSS

Share with each other the best experience you have had at another church that was a stand-out because of their heart to serve?

Read Matthew 20:20-28. What would be considered as the 'best seats' in today's context? How did Jesus redefine greatness? How does this kind of greatness deliver the best of God's heart to others?

Read John 13:14-17. Who is it that 'blesses' us when we serve others? Where does our reward come from? How can we miss His reward all together? How does serving God inform how we serve, whether we serve in private or in the public sphere?

What does it look like in your Life Group to make it the best place for elevating God's heart for each other?

