

Discussion Questions

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Transformation of Self

1. What experience do you have with a big project? How would you explain that project to someone else? What was the process like for you and what was the final result?
2. In Romans 12, Paul highlights seven gifts from God - prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation, contributing, leadership, and mercy. Rank them on a scale of 1-7, with 1 being the gift that comes the most naturally to you and 7 being the one you find the most difficult or least reflected in you.
3. What steps have you taken in your life, or what steps could you take, to better discern how God is calling you and equipping you?
4. In what ways could your gifts be used within the Church for the ministry Jesus has called His followers to?
5. Do you view the diversity of God's family to be a strength, weakness, or a combination of both? In what ways?

Weekly Challenge: List out the ways you feel God has equipped you for life with Him, then categorize them using terms presented by Paul and Peter in New Testament teachings. Brainstorm how your unique gifting may be used for the call to love God and love others, then reach out to others to get involved in the Lord's ministry.

Weekly Prayer: Ask the Lord how He has gifted you and for what purpose, remembering that you are uniquely made as you. Seek the Holy Spirit's help to define, refine, and utilize your strengths and to bolster and grow your weaknesses.



2.13.22 Week Two: Transformation of Self

Romans 12:3-8

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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- The Bible and Gifts
- Discerning Personal Gifts
- Using God's Gifts

The Bible and Gifts

- 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Ephesians 4:11-13
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

The Bible and Gifts

- Gifts are measures of divine grace by which Jesus enables His people to perform ministry
- Gifts are expressions of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers which empower them to serve
- Gifts are abilities given by God to His people for the purpose of ministry
- Every Christ-follower has been instilled with one or more gifts from God

The Bible and Gifts

- prophecy -service -teaching -exhortation -contributing -leadership -mercy

Attitudes to Maintain

- Ministry involves the activity of the Trinity
- Gifts are rooted in the grace of God
- Gifts require a divine partnership
- Living out should be generous, not a drudgery
- Heart of gladness, humility, and sober judgement
- Others-focused and God-honor to build the body
- Gifts need to be rooted in Christian love

-All Christians are called and equipped, but not all the same

Discerning Personal Gifts

- Give yourself completely to God with a willingness to obey
- Evaluate your abilities, skills, interests, and hobbies
- Understand biblical teachings on gifts, ministry, and the Church
- Ask the Lord to show you your gifts and a desire to work
- Try things out, get involved, stretch your gift muscles
- Seek evaluation, refinement, and the needs of those around you

Using God's Gifts

- The Early Church: Acts 6:1-7
- The Northview Staff
- In Your Life