Group discussion guide

God gives his people gifts to help others, share about Jesus and build up the church. Over four weeks, we'll explore those gifts and start using them in everyday life. We'll notice gifts we might have overlooked, appreciate what others bring, and practise using our gifts at home, at work, with our friends and in the church.

Each week when your group meets, read the passages together, discuss the questions, then pray about what you'll put into practice.

8/11 Start noticing

Read: Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:14-22.

Discuss

1. What stayed with you from Sunday's message, or what question did it leave you with?
2. In Romans 12:3–8, how does belonging to one another shape the way we think about our gifts?
3. What do the body parts in 1 Corinthians 12:14–22 get wrong? Where do you recognise comparison in yourself?
4. What have you seen God do through someone in this group? Tell them specifically what you noticed.
5. What gift might you begin exploring this week, and who could help you recognise and try it?

We're using the free **Great Faith survey** to help us discover our spiritual gifts. Talk through your results with someone who knows you, have a conversation with a pastor or leader, and choose a gift you'd like to develop. https://www.greatfaith.com/spiritual-gifts-assessment

Gateway Baptist Church in Brisbane has a **Spiritual Gifts podcast** with conversations about individual gifts. You can pick and choose the episodes you want to listen to to explore your gifts. https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/spiritual-gifts/id1671500216

The survey and podcast give you somewhere to start. The best way to activate, discover and use your spiritual gifts is to have a go!

15/11 Gifts that help people (serving, helping, mercy, generosity, leadership and administration)

Read: Romans 12:3–8, 1 Corinthians 12:27–28, 1 Peter 4:9–11.

Discuss

1. Where did you have a go after last week? What did you learn, or what got in the way?
2. What does Romans 12:6–8 say about how we should use these gifts? Which instruction challenges you?
3. Which gifts in this week's message do you tend to overlook? How would your group or church struggle without them?
4. What practical need among your friends, neighbours or workmates could you help meet? How might that lead to a conversation about Jesus?
5. What will you do this week, and who will you ask for feedback? If you've completed the survey, what would you like to explore?

22/11 Gifts that invite us to trust God (faith, healing, miracles, message of wisdom and knowledge, discernment, tongues and interpretation)

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:7–11, 13:1–7; 14:13–19, 26–28.

Discuss

1. Which of these gifts stretches your understanding most? What has shaped your response to it?
2. What does 1 Corinthians 12:7–11 tell us about who gives these gifts, who receives them and what they are for?
3. How does 1 Corinthians 13:1–7 challenge the way we seek and use supernatural gifts?
4. What guidance does 1 Corinthians 14:13–19, 26–28 give for using gifts in ways others can understand and benefit from?
5. What step could you take to seek a gift you find unfamiliar? How can the group support you without expecting a particular experience?

29/11 Gifts that help people hear (preaching, teaching, prophecy, evangelism and encouragement)

Read: Ephesians 4:11–16, 1 Corinthians 14:1–5, 29, Romans 12:6–8, 2 Timothy 4:1–5.

Discuss

1. When have someone's words helped you understand the Bible, trust Jesus or take a step of faith?
2. In Ephesians 4:11–16, what are gifted leaders meant to help everyone else do? What would that look like in this group?
3. What does 1 Corinthians 14:1–5, 29 teach us about the purpose of prophecy and how it should be received?
4. Which speaking gift would you like to develop? Where could you practise it, and who could help you prepare and give feedback?
5. Looking back over the series, which gift will you keep developing, where will you use it, and who will support you?