

WHAT IS YOUR GIFT?

- ▶ We are all gifted in many ways.
 - > Our gifts are _____.
 - > Our gifts are _____.

SERIES QUESTION: Why the Church?

- > Our gifts are _____!

SERIES THEME and TEXT: To restore our confidence in and commitment to being the people of God -- I Peter 2:9, 10

- > Review: Two weeks ago we discovered that we are "stewards of God's grace in its various forms" -- I Peter 4:10

TODAY'S QUESTION: Why are we gifted?

TODAY'S THEME: We are gifted for the worship of God, the Word of God and the work of God

TODAY'S TEXT: I Peter 4:7-11

I. WE ARE GIFTED FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD -- v.11c

A. WORSHIP IS A _____

Question → *What happens when we discover we have a gift?*

- > We use it for _____.
- > We use it to get _____.
- > We use it to _____ who we are.
- > We use it to gain _____.

Question → *What is wrong with this picture?*

- I Corinthians 4:7

B. WE ARE GIFTED TO WORSHIP GOD

Question → *Why is worship important?*

Answer → *It is _____!*

- > Worship is a gift that tells the truth about us and God.
 - We are _____ of our gifts, not owners.
 - I Chronicles 29: 16
- > Worship is a gift that puts everything in its right order.
 - James 1:17

- > Worship is a gift that brings _____ value to all of our gifts.
 - v.11

- ▶ Even a simple breath is a gift of worship
 - Psalm 150:6

- > Worship is a gift that releases the _____ gifts.
 - Acts 2:10

Questions → *Do we want more of God's gifts in our lives and Church? Are we putting worship first? Are we using all of our gifts to worship and give Him glory?*

- ▶ If we want a charismatic, Spirit-filled, supernatural Church, we need to be enthusiastic about our worship!

II. WE ARE GIFTED FOR THE WORD OF GOD -- v. 11a

A. WORDS ARE A GIFT

- > To speak is a _____ gift.
- > To speak is a _____ gift.
- > To speak is a _____ gift!
 - Proverbs 18:21

- > Our words can be a very _____ gift.

Question → *How have encouraging words affected you? How have your words encouraged others?*

- > Our words can be a _____ gift that hurt and wound.

Question → *How have discouraging words affected you? How have your words discouraged others?*

Question → *Are my words a good gift to those who hear them?*

- Ephesians 4:29

B. OUR WORDS _____ GOD'S WORDS

- ▶ Not only do our words have power naturally, our words can have power _____.

Question → *What does our world need to hear from the Church?*

- ▶ Many of the gifts of the Spirit are supernatural words!
 - I Corinthians 12:7-11; 14:25

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▶ If we _____ God's Word as a gift into our lives, it will flow out as living power, supernaturally through our words.

- Hebrew 4:12
- Ephesians 6:17

Question → Do we need more of God's Word or more of our words?

- See Matthew 16:17, 22, 23

▶ God is _____! Will we speak His Word?

III. WE ARE GIFTED FOR THE WORK OF GOD -- vv. 10a, 11b

A. _____ IS A GIFT

Question → Who are you working for?

- > We serve _____.
- > We serve our _____.
- > We serve our _____.
- > We serve our _____.

Question → How do we do all this serving? How do we do our work?

Answer → We use the _____ God has given us!

B. OUR WORK CAN BE _____ WORK

▶ When we know we are working for God, the natural becomes the supernatural!

- > The strength of God is released in _____ acts of serving
 - Matthew 25:35

▶ God's best work is usually done _____.

Question → Would we like to see more of God's power in the Church? More healing? More miracles?

▶ Maybe it is just as simple as using _____ our gifts to serve others in the Name of Jesus.

CONCLUSION: Remember: We are the _____!

LORD, I AM THE OFFERING!

I am offering all that I am. Receive me as a gift of _____.
 I am offering all of my _____. Let them be your Word to others.
 I am offering all of my _____. Help me use my gifts to meet needs.

OPENING: Read 1 Peter 4:10,11

- > Tell of a time that you felt like you really heard someone speak a word from the Lord.
- > Tell of a time when you felt like you had a word from the Lord.
- > Tell of a time when you felt like you were serving in "the strength God provides".

Scripture to read	Make a list of the spiritual gifts	Name someone who has this gift or has used the gift
Rom. 12:7-11		
1 Cor. 12:7-11		
1 Cor. 12:27-30		
Eph. 4:11-13		
1 Pet. 4:8-11		

Question → What can you do to encourage spiritual gifts in your LifeGroup?

CLOSE WITH PRAYER. Ask God to release more of His gifts in our Church.