

## 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.
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- > 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

## KINGSWAY LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

▶ 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.