SPIRITUAL GIFTS

"Now about spiritual gifts, I do not want you to be ignorant" 1 Corinthians 12:1

INTRODUCTION: Start by asking someone to open in prayer and then ask your group to reflect on Rod's message from Sunday…

- Ask someone to give a summary
- What stood out to you?
- Did anything challenge you?
- Did you decide to do anything?

A SPIRITUAL GIFT: *Is a special ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every believer, to be used to minister to others and therefore build up the body of Christ.*

As you read the following passages:

What insights about life and ministry do you see?

What are the gifts mentioned?

What is said about the gifts?

eg, context, how it is used, purpose, encouragements, cautions,

1 Corinthians 12 – 14

Romans 12: 1 – 21

Ephesians 4: 1 – 16

1 Peter 4: 7 – 11

WHAT ARE YOUR CONCLUSIONS? Write down 3 Key insights!

1.

2.

3.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR GIFTS ARE?
-Share them with your group

NEXT STEPS: DISCOVERING YOUR GIFT/S?

1. Study Spiritual Gifts

2. Do a Gift Survey
http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com/
http://giftstest.com/test

3. Start serving, give it a go. You will soon discover if it is or isn't for you
-Serve with joy and expectation, develop and hone your gift/s

4. Look for them in yourself and ask others to look for them in you
-People who know you well.
-Ask them, 'what do I do well?'

5. Ask the Gift Giver to reveal them to you.
-Sit in His presence with a blank piece of paper and simply write Spiritual Gifts on the sheet, pray and then allow the Spirit of God to speak to your spirit and write things down as you sense Him speak to you. Write down everything that comes to mind even the things that don't apply. This will help you get them out of your head and you can deal with them later

DEFINITIONS OF THE GIFTS
-See the attached sheet

WHERE TO FROM HERE?
-What is one next step that you are going to take?
-Start serving the church/community if you haven't taken that step yet.
-See the SHAPED summary sheet below and fill it in over these next few weeks as you are reminded of things that God has already revealed or as you discover new things and keep the conversation going.

SPEND SOME TIME PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER?
-Take the opportunity now to speak into each other's lives

DEFINITIONS OF THE GIFTS

1. Administration (Organisation) – 1 Corinthians 12:28

The ability to recognise the gifts of others and recruit them to a ministry. The ability to organise and manage people, resources and time for effective ministry. The ability to coordinate many details and execute the plans of leadership.

2. Apostleship – Ephesians 4:11, Romans 15:20

The ability to function trans locally and establish new missional works, overseeing their development.

3. Craftsmanship – Exodus 31:3-11

The ability to facilitate worship and ministry through the creative construction of necessary tools for ministry.

4. Creative Communication – Psalm 150

The ability to celebrate God's presence and communicate God's truth through a variety of art forms.

5. Discernment – 1 Corinthians 12:10, I John 4:1-6

The ability to distinguish right from wrong, truth from error and to give an immediate evaluation based on God's Word. The ability to discern whether the source of an experience is Satan, self, or God's Spirit.

6. Encouragement ("Exhortation") – Romans 12:8, Acts 14:22

The ability to motivate God's people to apply and act on biblical principles, especially when they are discouraged or wavering in their faith. The ability to "bring out" the best in others and challenge them to develop their potential.

7. Evangelism – Ephesians 4:11, Acts 8:26-40

The ability to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to unbelievers in a positive, non-threatening way. The ability to sense opportunities to share Christ and lead people to respond with faith in Him.

8. Faith – 1 Corinthians 12:9, Romans 4:18-21

The ability to trust God for what cannot be seen and to act on God's promise, regardless of what the circumstances indicate. The willingness to risk failure in pursuit of a God-given vision, expecting God to handle the obstacles.

9. Giving – Romans 12:8, II Corinthians 8:1-7

The ability to generously and cheerfully contribute material resources and/or money beyond the 10% tithe so that the Body may grow and be strengthened. The ability to earn and manage money so it may be given to support the ministry of others.

10. Healing – 1 Corinthians 12:9, James 5:14-16

The ability to pray in faith specifically for people who need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing and see God answer. The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.

11. Hospitality – I Peter 4:9-10

The ability to make others, especially strangers, feel warmly welcomed, accepted and comfortable in the church family. The ability to coordinate factors that promote fellowship.

12. Intercession – Colossians 1:9-12

The ability to pray for the needs of others in the church family over extended periods of time on a regular basis. The ability to persist in prayer and not be discouraged until the answer arrives.

13. *Interpretation – I Corinthians 12:10, 14:26-28*

The ability to make known to everyone the body of the message of one who is speaking in tongues.

14. Knowledge –1 Corinthians 12:8

The ability to discover, collect, analyse, and organise information that is vital to individual believers or the entire church family. The ability to comprehend a large amount of information and provide it when needed for effective decision-making.

15. Leadership – Romans 12:8, Hebrews 13:7 & 17

The ability to clarify and communicate the purpose and direction ("vision") of a ministry in a way that attracts others to get involved. The ability to motivate others by example to work together in accomplishing a ministry goal.

16. Mercy –Romans 12:8, Luke 10:30-37

The ability to detect hurt and empathises with those who are suffering in the church family. The ability to provide compassionate and cheerful support to those experiencing distress, crisis or pain.

17. Miracles – 1 Corinthians 12:10

The ability to obtain exceptional interventions of God's power that glorify Him and give evidence of His grace.

18. Pastoring ("Shepherding") – Ephesians 4:11, 1 Peter 5:2-4

The ability to care for the spiritual needs of a group of believers, dicipling them to health, wholeness and mission. The ability to nurture a small group in spiritual growth and assume responsibility for their welfare.

19. Prophecy – Romans 12:6, 1 Corinthians 14:3

The ability to publicly communicate God's word (broader than Scripture…immediate inspiration of the Holy Spirit) in an inspired way that convinces unbelievers and both challenges and confronts believers. The ability to persuasively declare God's will.

20. Service (Helps) – Romans 12:7, Acts 6:1-7

The ability to recognise unmet needs in the church family, and take the initiative to provide practical assistance quickly, cheerfully, and without a need for recognition.

21. Teaching – Romans 12:7, Ephesians 4:12-13

The ability to educate God's people by clearly explaining and applying the Bible in a way that causes them to learn how to become mature disciples. The ability to equip and train other believers for ministry.

22. *Tongues – I Corinthians 12:10, 14:13-15*

The ability to pray in a language understood only by God or one who is given the gift of interpretation at that time.

23. Wisdom – I Corinthians 12:8

The ability to understand God's perspective on life situations and share those insights in a simple, understandable way. The ability to explain what to do and how to do it.