

## Living for God | 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

### Opening Activity

*The opening activity is designed to help you move into the lesson portion of your meeting time. These icebreaker questions will help engage your group members in conversation.*

- **Growing up, who influenced your spiritual life the most?**
- **What made that person so influential?**
- **Can you recall any special gifts this person had?**

### Devotional Readings from Book of Acts

*As a part of this study, we have been reading through the book of Acts using the H.E.A.R. Bible study method. Use the questions below to lead your group in a discussion on the first three weeks of the devotional readings.*

- **What are three key principles or insights you have learned from your study of the book of Acts?**
- **How will you apply these principles to your life?**

### Scripture Reading

*Ask one of your group members to read the Scripture; make sure they are comfortable with reading in front of a group.*

#### 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

### Transition to the Video

*As the leader, you will want to help the group move into the video session and direct them to the notes section in their participant guide. There are different ways to accomplish this transition, here are two examples:*

- **Pray for your group**
- **Introduce the video by saying “Let’s watch the video and then answer the following questions together.”**

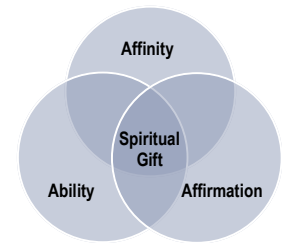
## Notes from the Video

- There are many gifts, but given by the same Spirit. (vs. 4)
- Gifts are given not to elevate self, but to serve one another for the common good. (vs. 5-7)
- The Spirit gives different gifts as He sees fit. (vs. 8-11)

## Transition from the Video

A lot of us want to be used by the Holy Spirit, but we struggle simply because we are not familiar with the gifts the Spirit has given us. Again, J.D. Greear helps us see that “*spiritual gifts are not so much a defined set of functions as much as they are various manifestations of God using us in the lives of others.*” The diagram below can help us understand how to see our spiritual gifts.

*The circle labeled “ability” refers to what you are naturally good at: “affinity” to what you feel passionate about; and “affirmation” to ways people have testified that God has used you.*



Another tool used to understand our spiritual gifts is by discovering our “S.H.A.P.E.” Rick Warren shares this tool in “*The Purpose Driven Life.*”

**S = Spiritual Gifts.** Learning what God has personally gifted you with.

**H = Heart.** What you are passionate about.

**A = Abilities.** Reflecting on what natural talent God has given you.

**P = Personality.** Where your personality best suits you to serve.

**E = Experiences.** Unusual things God has done in your life that gives insight into particular aspects of His character.

## Discussion Questions

Using the S.H.A.P.E. acrostic, talk openly about where you believe God could use you in His Kingdom.

**S = Spiritual Gifts.** How do you believe God has gifted you?

**H = Heart.** Share something you are really passionate about with your Life Group.

**A = Abilities.** Share with you group what natural abilities you have.

**P = Personality.** What kind of personality do you have? Extravert or introvert? Laid back or driven? Ask your Life Group to help you maybe see things you don't see about yourself.

**E = Experiences.** Share some of your experiences that God has brought you through, or is bringing you through right now that may be an open door to ministering to someone in need.

## Daily/Weekly Application

1. Are you using your gifts? If so, how? If not, then why?
2. Everyone has a gift, do you know yours?
3. What would our church look like if we all used or exercised our spiritual gifts?

## Notes on Spiritual Gifts Assessment

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