



INTRODUCTION

Part 1 - Getting Involved

We want to make a difference. We strive to have an impact. We need to be able to identify our talents and gifts, and leverage our abilities for good. Above all, we need help from others to accomplish that.

Join us for a new series, as we explore ways we can have a greater impact in the world around us—together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think most people are aware of their talents, gifts and abilities? Can you identify some of the gifts, talents and abilities that others in the room have?
2. Read Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:27-30; Ephesians 4:11-12 and 1 Peter 4:10-11. Do you believe you know what your own spiritual gift(s) are? Why do you think we are hesitant to tell other people where we feel we are gifted? What do you think your spiritual gift(s) are? (Remember they are gifts and not something we have earned or that we deserve).
3. Read Romans 12:1-2 again. What do you think Paul means when he says we should offer up ourselves as a living sacrifice?
4. What do you think Paul means when he says we shouldn't be conformed to this age (or "this world")? Why is it important that we be holy and set apart for God? How might this increase our "usefulness" to God? (See 2 Timothy 2:20-22)
5. How do you think our minds get renewed so that we might understand God's will?
6. Read Romans 12:3-6. Why is it important that we be humble and realistic about the gifts or abilities God has given us? How might being more connected with other believers help us discover our spiritual gifts?
7. If you know what your spiritual gift or gifts are, how did you discover them? How might we help other people discover their spiritual gifts?
8. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

To have the greatest impact with your life, it's important to identify the spiritual gifts and abilities God has given you. The first step towards making an impact by using your gifts is to place your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior. Once you've placed your faith and trust in Him, you are forgiven of your sins, you are adopted into God's family, the Holy Spirit lives within you, and you receive one or more spiritual gifts.

God gives you the ability to do something really well, and in doing so, you strengthen the church. Every believer has been given a special ability, and your responsibility is to use that gift to make a difference in the world around you.

KEY VERSES

- Ecclesiastes 4:9
- 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Romans 12:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 12:27-30
- Ephesians 4:11-12
- 2 Timothy 2:20-22