

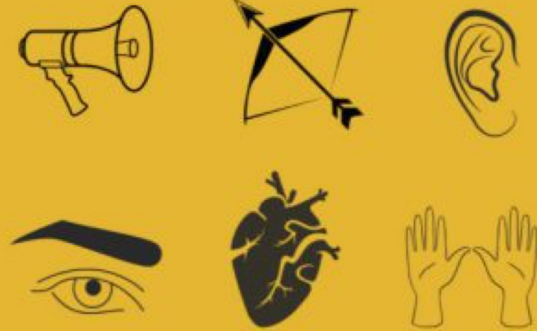
Questions for further reflection

What challenged your thinking or beliefs from today's teaching?

What is one thing that you learned that you had previously not known?

Why must a believer's purpose in life be tied in to the local church? Are we as American believers too individualistic?

How would our church be different if every member viewed himself or herself as a servant with a ministry to fulfill?



“THE GIFTS”

I. Christ has given us _____

1. Christ has given us the gift _____ for _____ Eph 2:8-9

You must _____ God's gift of _____ before you receive His gracious _____ that enables you to _____ Him.

2. Christ has given us a gift of _____ for _____ (speaking/serving gifts). Rom. 12:3, I Cor. 12:4-10, 28-30, Eph 4:11-16

How spiritual gifts are to be used:

- These gifts are given for _____.

God has allotted to each a _____ of _____ and that these gifts _____ according to the _____ that God has given to us.

- We must use these gifts as _____.

We are _____ to Him to use the gifts that He has given as He directs. There is no distinction in the New Testament between so-called " _____ " and " _____ ". Every Christian is in the " _____ " in the sense that every Christian has a spiritual gift and will give an _____ to God for how they _____.

- These grace gifts are a _____.

Because our spiritual gifts were given to us by grace, there is no place for _____ or _____. Remember your gift is not about _____ it's about _____ and _____.

II. The resurrected Christ qualifies Him to give spiritual gifts

It was through this ascension that Jesus has the _____ and the _____ to give grace to each one of us. Paul is quoting from _____ about a _____.

This teaches us a spiritual truth: He defeated His enemies

- _____ - Colossians 2:14
- _____ - Colossians 2:15
- _____ and _____ - Revelation 1:17-18

Jesus _____ out on us the _____, The Holy Spirit then _____ out our spiritual gifts. Acts 2:33

III. Christ has given us spiritual gifts to reveal His glory and His sovereignty.

Jesus' filling all in all, or all things, refers to His _____ over _____. The connection with the church shows that Jesus _____ His sovereign rule and displays His spiritual _____ through the church.