



Part 3: Purpose

Spiritual gifts are given to the Church because the Church has work to do! God makes sure we have everything we need to do what He wants us to do. Now it's our job to activate those gifts to live out our calling and together we can be a healthy, growing body of Christ.

Ice Breaker

If you could instantly have a talent or ability you *don't* currently have, what would it be and why?

Discussion Questions

1. Read Ephesians 4:1-16 together. What themes stand out to you in this passage? Do any questions arise for you?
2. Paul urges us to “live a life worthy of your calling” (v. 1). What do you think that calling for the Church is? How do you think that idea relates to us and what God has called Westside Church to? He also urges his audience to seek to be united. What are the kinds of things that tend to divide us? What are some foundational ways that we can seek unity in our church?
3. Verses 11-12 say, Christ gave leadership gifts to “equip God’s people to do his work.” What does this teach us about the purpose of spiritual gifts in the church?
4. In this week’s message we learned, “leadership gifts are for developing everyone’s gifts.” How does this change the way you see the role of pastors and leaders? What happens when some people don’t use their gifts in the body of Christ? How might a church look different if *everyone* activated their gifts?

Moving Forward

Take a few minutes now to complete the Spiritual Gifts Assessment (if you haven't already) at www.giftstest.com. Once done, look at your results: Do they resonate with how you see yourself? Why or why not?

Have you had experiences where you’ve used one of your gifts to serve others? Are there any gifts in your results you’re uncertain about or want to learn more about? What do you sense Jesus might be inviting you to do with your gifts in this season?