

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. Describe a natural talent, skill or special ability you have.
2. How have you used it?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What is the relationship between salvation and good works?
4. Read Romans 12:1. What is the motivation for serving God? What is meant by a "living sacrifice."
5. In 1 Corinthians 12:27, Paul compares parts of the human body to members of the church. In what ways does this analogy hold true?
6. The sermon defined a spiritual gift as a God-empowered ability to serve others. Would you say you know yours? If so, what is it?
7. The sermon compared and contrasted natural

gifts with spiritual gifts. How are they similar? How are they different?

8. Paul told Timothy "not to neglect" but "to fan into flame the gift of God." Discuss the sermon's 5 steps for gift development: Accept responsibility, Get feedback, Take inventory, Find a mentor, Plan your life.
9. The sermon emphasized a servant attitude. Why is this important yet difficult?

LIVING IT OUT

10. If you don't exercise muscles, they atrophy. How does this relate to spiritual gifts and future rewards?
11. "Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it." Discuss this Jesus quote in light of spiritual gifts.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us." - *Romans 12:6a*

