



SEPTEMBER 26

Sermon Outline

Key verse

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:4-5

How to discover your spiritual gifts

1. Study the spiritual gifts

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

1 Corinthians 12:1

2. Discern your spiritual gifts

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

1 Corinthians 12:4

3. Use your spiritual gifts

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Opening Thought

God has given each believer a spiritual gift. It is given the moment a person gives their life to Christ. And no, you don't choose your gifts! They are given to you so that you can serve others. It is important to discover your spiritual gift, so you can improve your serve. Your talent is God's gift to you, what you do with it is your gift back to God.

Icebreaker

- What hidden talent do you possess?

Discussion

- Read 1 Corinthians 12:12. What body part best describes you within the body of Christ? (eye, hand, mouth, etc.)
- What do you think God's purpose is in giving spiritual gifts to people?
- What is confusing to you about spiritual gifts?
- What have you learned today about spiritual gifts?
- Have you taken a spiritual gift assessment? What were the results?
- (Leaders: feel free to take time to look at the spiritual gifts on the back page and allow your group members to discuss what their spiritual gift might be.)
- How is the metaphor of a tennis player improving their accuracy helpful as you consider using the spiritual gifts God has given you?
- What step do you need to take toward discovering your spiritual gift? (Studying? Discerning? Using?)

Next Steps

- Have you asked the Lord what your spiritual gifts are?
- Have you asked someone close to you to consider which might be your primary motivational gift (Romans 12:6-8)?
- Take the spiritual gifts survey.
- What ministry team might the Lord want you to join at MCA?

Motivational Gifts (Romans 12:6-8)

Prophecy is proclaiming God's truth with power and clarity.

Serving is helping in practical ways.

Teaching is explaining and presenting truths to others.

Encouragement is lifting the spirits of others.

Giving is cheerfully being generous with money and resources.

Leadership is inspiring and motivating others toward a shared vision.

Mercy is having empathy for others.

Ministry Gifts (Ephesians 4:11, 1 Corinthians 12:28, Romans 12:13)

Apostleship is launching new things.

Prophecy is proclaiming God's truth with power and clarity in a timely and sensitive fashion.

Evangelism is leading unbelievers to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Pastor/teacher is leading, protecting, and caring for the needs of a flock of believers.

Helps is serving and supporting those in need.

Administration is managing the affairs of a church, organization, business, or home.

Hospitality is making guests feel welcome and at ease.

Manifestation Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8-10)

Wisdom is applying the principles of God's Word in practical ways.

Knowledge is learning, knowing, and systemizing the truths of God's Word.

Faith is trusting God to work beyond human capabilities.

***Healing** is the ability to serve as an instrument through which God restores health.

***Miracles** are a display of God's supernatural power.

Discernment is distinguishing between right and wrong.

***Speaking in tongues** is imparting messages in a language you have never learned.

***Interpretation of Tongues** is understanding and translating a language you have never learned.

*Not included in the Spiritual Gifts Survey. The more sensational gifts are difficult to apply in practical ministry roles in the life of a church.