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Small Group Series

Activate your Spiritual Gifts—Pastor Ed Furst

Ephesians 4:8—"When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

1 Corinthians 12:4-7—There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good

Ephesians 4:12-13— to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11—Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11—To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Romans 12:6-8—We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28—Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

Ephesians 4:11-12—So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

1 Peter 1:6-7—In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. (NIV)

1 Corinthians 14:1—Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 12:31—Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

1 Corinthians 14:1—Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

Questions:

1. Have you ever taken a spiritual gift test? What were your results? What surprised you?
2. In what ways are you currently serving that are comfortable? What ways are you serving that stretch you?
3. Do you believe that spiritual gifts change or remain consistent in your life?
4. What opportunities are you going to say yes to and be stretched in your gifts?
5. What would you say to others who are fearful to discover spiritual gifts still unknown to them?