

Morning Star Church
Small Group Study
A.K.A.: *The Benefactor*, Understanding the Gifts of the Spirit

Message Synopsis: We learned last week about being filled with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit's role is to fill us daily with His presence and power. This past weekend Pastor Mike taught about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. He showed us that every believer is given a main gift by the Holy Spirit at the time they invited Christ to be their Savior. It is also the Holy Spirit's role to help us develop that gift to be used for God's glory in their local church. The Holy Spirit might also develop other gifts in us as He sees fit. Pastor Mike taught that just as a body has many parts to make it operate effectively, so the Holy Spirit uses all of our gifts to make our church more effective in telling others about Christ's love.

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophecy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is servicing others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Also look at these passages about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 27-31; Ephesians 4: 11-12; 1 Peter 4:9-11.

Answer these questions in your small group:

1. Share with your group the greatest gift you ever received? What made it so significant for you?
2. Why do you think it is important for you to discover your spiritual gift?
3. What spiritual gift do you believe God has entrusted to your life? (Reminder: every believer has one). How can you use it at Morning Star Church for God's glory?
4. You are not gifted by accident, after you look back at the experiences of your life, do you see a pattern developing of God designing His gift to be expressed in your life based on some of the experiences of your past?

Additional Resource: Morning Star is offering a class to help you discover and develop your gift it is called *CRAZE*, this class is offered on Sunday, December 6th from 3-5pm.

Prayer Requests:

Next Week: A.K.A., *Walking in the Spirit*