



Life Group Work Sheet

Ephesians 4:7-16

When Everybody Does Their Part

March 9, 2014

Getting to Know Each Other

1. During our time together, we'll be talking about spiritual gifts. What do you think of when you think of spiritual gifts? Do you know your spiritual gifts? What are they? How do you know these are your gifts?

Part 2 - Application

2. **Read Ephesians 4:7-12.** Here Paul tells us that the leaders in the church are gifts from God to the church. Do you see your church leaders as gifts from God?

a. How are church leaders a gift from God?

b. What is one way that you can express gratitude to the leaders in the church this week? Be specific.

3. Paul also tells us the reason God gave church leaders to the church. What is the ultimate "job description" of pastors in the church (cf. v. 12)?

- a. How is that different than the way our culture often thinks about pastors and church leaders?
- b. According to these verses, who does ministry? Just pastors? All Christians? Some Christians?

4. **Read Ephesians 4:13-16.** God has equipped each of us with spiritual gifts. Share what you see are the spiritual gifts of one other person in your group.

a. According to these verses, why has God given us spiritual gifts?

b. **Read 1 Cor. 13.** What is the most important thing to remember when discussing spiritual gifts? How does 1 Corinthians 13 tie into your reading of Ephesians 4 (esp. vv. 15-16)?

c. Share 1 or 2 different ways that you can use your spiritual gifts to further the ministry of CrossWinds Church in your community. In your campus? In your church as a whole?

Discerning Your Gifts

Part 3 - Digging Deeper

When we become Christians, each of us is equipped with unique gifts by God for the purpose of serving others. The best way to discover these gifts is to dive in! You'll discover what areas God has gifted you in and what areas you will need to rely more heavily on the others in the church.

Another way to discover your spiritual gifts is to have others identify them for you, which is why we did that above. This week, call up a friend and tell them what you think their spiritual gifts are, and then share with them why you think so.

The other way to discover your spiritual gifts is to take a spiritual gifts test. These tests aren't as accurate as the first two methods, but they still can point us in the right direction. Check out <http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com> to discover what your gifts are.