

DISCOVER YOUR DESIGN—

Week 3 | The Two Questions You Have to Answer to Use Your Gifts

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WARM UP

Have you ever faced a barrier in your life? What was it, and what did you do about it?

INTRODUCTION

We've been talking about how to discover your design and use the unique gifts God has given you. This week, we'll talk about several specific gifts and the barriers that can hold us back from using those gifts.

Romans 12:4-6-8 (NIV)

⁶ 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.

DISCUSSION

1. What was your greatest takeaway from the message?
2. **Read Romans 12:6-8.** What role does God's grace play in the giving and operating of our gifts?
3. Of the seven gifts we looked at this weekend, which ones do you see in yourself? Does any one really stand out? (See graph on page 2 for help.)
4. How can recognizing the common barriers to these gifts help us? (See graph on page 2 for help.)
5. Have you ever felt one of these barriers to your gift before? If so, how?
6. The devil's strategy is to use one of the barriers to your gift to get you to disengage from people. Why?
7. Why do we need each other to grow in our gifts?
8. What was your biggest takeaway from the egg incubator illustration?

APPLICATION

Are you currently using your gift in the church? If not, what's holding you back? How could you start using your gift more?

PRAYER

- Pray that each person in your Small Group would continue to discover and use their spiritual gifts in the church.
- Take prayer requests and pray for any needs in the group.

Gift	Description	Barriers
Prophecy	Bold, outspoken, committed to truth	Value being right over relationships
Serving	Energized by meeting practical needs	Tend to overcommit, resent others
Teaching	Study & learn to help others grow in understanding	Over-emphasis on information and intelligence
Encouragement	Always ready to inspire & motivate	Get stuck in discouragement themselves, flatter/over-simplify solutions
Giving	Handle & manage resources well, enjoy meeting needs	Feel taken advantage of, overly consumed with outcomes
Leadership	Find fulfillment when a group of people accomplish a goal together	Top-down, positional, resent the team
Mercy	Sense the joy/stress of other people, feel other people's pain	Take on offenses of others or problems you can't solve