

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 2-19-2023

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Who in your life taught you a specific talent for a specific purpose? How have you utilized it and have you seen it impact others?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: **1 Corinthians 12 "Gifts"** - **Have you gone online to take your Spiritual Gifts survey yet? If not, scan the QR Code. 80 Questions take about 10 min. to complete.*



Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Read aloud Ephesians 4:1. This mentions being called and having a calling. How could believers interpret "the calling" Paul is speaking about? What are we all "called to"?
2. A calling goes hand in hand with gifting. What is your experience in knowing/sensing that you have been called to serve? When and how did it happen and what was the effect it had on others and on yourself?
3. Read aloud Ephesians 4:2-6. Talk about the way God wants us to minister our gifts and calling. What gets in the way of this Spirit blessed ministering? In your serving/ministering, what have you learned that was different than what you thought?
4. In vs. 11-13, what is the purpose of Jesus providing these specific gifts and how have you allowed those with these giftings to lead and teach you?
5. Read aloud vs.11-16. Here are at least 9 results of unity when ministry and gifting are in the Spirit. Name and discuss as many as you can find in these 6 verses. Have you ever experienced when they are not done the right way?

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?