

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 2-5-2023**

### 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:** What is the funniest talent, trait or ability you possess (ie: Juggling, Donald Duck voice, wiggling ears, etc.)? How did you discover it and how do you utilize it today?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** **Ephesians 4 "Gifts" - Why do we have 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)*

*Divide these 3 passages amidst 3 groups of people to read individually and be prepared to answer these questions: What are the gifts listed, who provides these gifts, and what the overarching goal of these gifts is? Take time here to discuss.*

***Ephesians 4:1-16, Romans 12:4-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 14.***

1. What, about spiritual gifts, is easy to understand and what is difficult? What questions do you have about the spiritual gifts and their activity for you?
2. Has your involvement in church, Gateway or another, given you the opportunity to discover your giftedness and then use those gifts?
3. Someone once said that the spiritual gifts are like snowflakes, no two are the same. How would you explain your gift as a "spiritual snowflake"?
4. How does it make you feel that God has provided you direct help to do work in His ministry? What does this say about how He sees you in His church?
5. What have you done to discover your spiritual gifts and exercise them in and for the body of Christ? The "Discover Your Gifts" survey is online now. This week, take the survey and bring the results to the group next week!

**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?