

Session 3 What Are The Gifts?

(Peter Wagner)

Welcome and Worship

Ask one of the group to share something positive since you last met.

Read 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 (any thoughts about the passage).

Sharing Time 5 mins :- (get the group to get into pairs and share the following)

- One way they have been blessed in the past week
- What have they learned about Spiritual Gifts
- What questions do they have from last time.

Sorting out the gifts

Read through the following passages Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4. Note down each spiritual gift and see if any occur more than once (The leader to make a list). Then ask the following questions:

- 1. Which Gift is the least familiar?**
- 2. What is the most familiar?**
- 3. Which gift is used most in the Church?**
- 4. Which gift is least used in the Church?**

There are a further 8 gifts not listed in the above passages, ask the group first of all if they can think of any others, (the following list is for the leader to share after people have had a chance at brainstorming):-

Celibacy, voluntary poverty, martyrdom, hospitality, missionary, intercession, deliverance and leading worship.

Wagner considers that there are more gifts maybe than what is listed (an open ended approach), this is because the Bible does not lock gifts into tight restriction about the number of gifts. Ask the following two questions:-

- 1. Do you agree with this idea of an open ended approach?**

2. Are there other gifts we have not mentioned which the group believe exists? (This can be a point of discussion)

Think through which gifts are operating at Peterhead Methodist Church (this is called our gift mix). Hand out the sheet (Page 4) and get the group to discuss all the gifts listed and say which are our strengths and weaknesses.

Remember the gifts are given for a healthy body. Every person operating how God wants them to.

Thanking God for His gifts

Ask members to spend a few moments in silent prayer thanking the Lord for people who have gifts in the Church. Then suggest in prayer that we need to ask God to equip us as a church with His gifts.

Then get the group to pray the following prayer, you say a line and they repeat it (like a wedding service, take it slowly and allow the words to touch each member of the group):-

*Lord Jesus,
Send your Holy Spirit to fill
and use each one of us
With Your gifts
so that we may minister
and to Serve one another,
reaching those who need you
as Lord and Saviour”
Amen*

Sharing Time:-

Any matters for prayer – 5 minutes.

Then ask the group in silence to pray for one person who is not a Christian.

Coffee Time.

THE GIFTS (leaders reference)

1. Prophecy – God speaks to the church and the world
2. Service – serve one another in love.
3. Teaching
4. Encouragement
5. Giving (money and time to others)
6. Leadership
7. Mercy
8. Wisdom
9. Knowledge (special gift of)
10. Faith (to believe something can happen against all odds)
11. Healing
12. Miracles
13. Discerning of Spirits
14. Tongues
15. Interpretation of tongues
16. Apostle (start churches)
17. Helps (helping others)
18. Administration (great one for the church to have)
19. Evangelist (not evangelism –someone who teaches the church)
20. Pastor
21. Celibacy
22. Poverty (voluntarily, nuns and monks tend to have this gift)
23. Martyrdom
24. Hospitality
25. Missionary
26. Intercession
27. Deliverance
28. Leading worship

Handout Spiritual Gifts

Prophecy (preaching , inspired utterance)	Service (ministry)
Teaching	Exhortation (encouragement)
Giving	Leadership
Mercy (sympathy, comfort, kindness)	Wisdom
Knowledge (speaking with Knowledge)	Faith
Healing	Helps
Miracles	Discerning of spirits (spiritual awareness)
Speaking in tongues	Interpretation of tongues
Apostle (Church Planter)	Evangelist
Administration	Pastoral (caring for God's people)