

2. Ignorance is not Bliss

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Maybe one or two in your group describe the best gift you have ever received from another person. If you could give a gift to your best friend what would it be?

So who needs to know about Spiritual Gifts?

1. Every Christian
2. For you to be able to follow God and follow him in the best way.
3. People operating in Spiritual gifts create healthy churches and health communities.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1

What gifts are essential for the church at Peterhead? What gifts can and do make the church grow?

Brainstorm session.

Your most basic step.

Are you the person who God wants you to be? (don't get the group to answer) – time of reflection – Think of a daffodil in bud – what potential does it have? Flower, give pleasure – visual – food – bees, bring colour and brightness. Ultimately the daffodil can produce fruit which goes onto the next generation.

Are you fulfilling all your potential? Personally, in the church? If not then you have some growing and discovering to do.

Read Romans 12:1-6

Two key concepts:-

1. God's will
2. We all have different gifts

Why do we have different gifts? Completeness and wholeness of the body. We bless and show love by our gifts to one another and the world. We each need one another and then we are the church. You are not all preachers or good with property.

Think for a moment again about what gifts enable us to be Church: Some of these may not be easy for people to grasp but just pass over those as the gifts will each be explored. Put a tick against any you have or would like.

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

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-27; Galatians 3:26-29, Philipians 2:1-11 and 1 Peter 4:10.

Questions : True or false (the passage above answer the questions):-

1. Every Christian is given at least one gift?
2. Women and men are equally gifted?
3. All Christians are called to serve?
4. Every Christian has a gift they can use?

Final thoughts:

One concern I have about gifts are? (ask anyone if they have any concerns)

I have learned more about gift (s) today and I understand a little more?

Our church needs more of? (Gift or gifts from the list)