

Givin' What You're Given

"Talent: Losing & Using"

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: Tell about a gift that you didn't open immediately!

KEY THOUGHT: ***God's gifts are for others-centered serving***

GETTING THE POINT

Read 1 Peter 4:1-3

1. How does Peter contrast self-centered sinful living with living for God in 1 Peter 4:1-3?

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11

2. Peter encourages self-control, love, and hospitality in 1 Peter 4:7-9. How do these practices develop Christ-like maturity in us?
3. The Greek word for "gift" is "charisma," indicating that spiritual gifts are "grace-given" abilities. How does this affect your understanding of spiritual gifts?
4. How does using our spiritual gifts bring glory to God, as emphasized in 1 Peter 4:11b?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Romans 12:4-8

1. Describe the interplay here between unity and diversity in the gifts given to the body of Christ.
2. What do we learn from these verses about HOW we are to exercise our spiritual gifts?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. The message compares receiving a spiritual gift to an unwrapped package. What do you think holds people back from discovering and using their spiritual gifts?
2. How did you discover your spiritual gifts, OR what steps can you take to discover your spiritual gifts if you haven't already?
3. What does it mean that "you find out whether you have a servant's heart when someone treats you like a servant"? Tell when you've experienced this in your own life.
4. How can serving others help you move from self-centeredness to a more others-centered, Christ-like life?

PRAY...

that more Christ followers at GP will utilize spiritual gifts for the advancing of God's kingdom.