

1. Our discussion of spiritual gifts has led to conversations about the Holy Spirit. How has your view of the Holy Spirit been changed or challenged?
2. Read 1 Timothy 4:14 and 2 Timothy 1:6. What do these verses teach us about spiritual gifts? What can you do to stir up or strengthen those spiritual gifts in you that need strengthening?
3. The gifts discussed this Sunday (teaching, leadership, and exhortation) are often referred to as “Foundational Gifts” by people who study the Bible. Why do you think they are called “foundational?”
4. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. What is THE foundation that these gifts point to? Discuss what a church would look like without these gifts.
5. Does the gift of teaching function effectively in our church? Who uses this gift in addition to pastors or elders? Do you think our church adequately appreciates sound Bible teaching?
6. Nathan suggested that these gifts of teaching, leadership, and encouragement are foundational for the health of a church, but they make a difference in our places of employment and homes, too. How are we to use these gifts even if we do not feel that we have the particular gift? (i.e. how do you lead or exhort at home and work?)
7. For each spiritual gift two questions were listed to help you determine if you may have this gift. Look back at these (Hint: they are on the left side of this page!). Take turns as a group answering these questions?