

Part 4

Serve the World

January 29, 2017



ICEBREAKER: If you could be any act in a circus, what would it be? Why?? (Acrobat, lion tamer, freak show participant, conductor, or other)

MAIN POINTS:

**Structure and Life Eliminate
Chaos and Strife**

EXPLORATION:

1. Read Ephesians 4:11-13. In light of this verse, how would you describe how the church is supposed to function?

(Context Clues- God established church leaders to equip or set in order the rest of the body of Christ to do the work of the ministry and reach the world with the gospel.)

2. Read I Corinthians 12:4-7. What is your understanding of spiritual gifts?? What does this passage teach us about the purpose and the nature of the gifts?

(Context Clues- Discuss these three truths: 1. Every believer has gift(s). 2. The gifts are a reflection of the Holy Spirit. 3. The gifts are for the good of all.)

3. Read I Corinthians 12:8-11 and 27-31. Compile a list of the spiritual gifts. What is each one for? What do you think your spiritual gift is?

4. Read Matthew 25: 14-30. What would the implication of this parable be on the discussion of spiritual gifts?

(Context Clues- There will be an accounting for how we use our gifts and talents. Those who are faithful will receive more. Those who are unfaithful will receive less and incur judgment for not being faithful with what they have).

APPLICATION:

- 1. In light of the Matthew 25 parable, how do you feel knowing that you will be held accountable for how you use your gifts and talents for the Lord? Do you think you are more like the man with the five talents? Two talents? Or one talent? Why??**
- 2. How does the fact that the church is a body of people with various gifts reflect the main point of this study: Structure and Life Eliminate Chaos and Strife?**
- 3. Look back at the list of spiritual gifts in I Corinthians. What spiritual gifts do you think you have? Where could you use those spiritual gifts in your life? At River Point Community Church?**
- 4. Pray for the members of your group to understand and employ their particular spiritual gift(s).**