

MAIN POINT

We live a Spirit filled life by recognizing the ways God has gifted us and cultivating those gifts for His glory.

INTRODUCTION

What is the best gift you have ever received? What made it so special?

Did that gift change your life in any way? Have you been able to use that gift to change the lives of others? How so?

It's not unusual to buy something for ourselves or to buy a gift for someone else. But it's not as common for these gifts to have the power to change lives. Yet spiritual gifts can do just that. These are specific gifts God gives all believers to equip us to serve Him and the body of Christ. One way we live Spirit-filled lives is by recognizing the gifts God has given us and seeking to fully use those gifts for His glory.

DISCUSSION

> READ EPHESIANS 2:10; 1 PETER 4:10-11; 2 TIMOTHY 1:6.

From Ephesians 2:10, what does it mean that we are God's workmanship?

How should this impact our motivation in seeking to grow in the ways God has gifted us?

How does it give you confidence to know that God has prepared good works for you in advance? How does this take away pressure to always know the best thing to do?

What are some ways a person might recognize those good works so that they can seek to do them?

1 Peter 4:10 says to use the gifts we have received to serve others. What are some other ways we might seek to use our gifts?

Why does it require walking with the Holy Spirit to continually seek to serve others with our gifts? Who or what do we seek to serve in our own strength?

What does 1 Peter 4:11 give as the motivation for seeking to continually serve others with our gifts?

Would you say that you most often seek to serve others with your gifts or not? What needs to change that you might grow into serving others with your gifts?

What gifts of God have you received that you need to fan into flame?

How might a person seek to fan these gifts into flame as Paul instructed Timothy?

What might keep a person from doing this? What has kept you from doing so?

APPLICATION

How will you seek to fan your God-given gifts into flame this week? How can our group support you in that?