

How Do I Fit?

The Gifts of Speaking – Ephesians 4:7-16

Discussion Points

May 26, 2019

Read & Reflect

1. Read Ephesians 4:1-16

- What is Paul's vision for the church in this passage, even as he describes another "gifts list" in verse 11?
- How is this gifts list the same or different than those of Romans 12 and I Corinthians 12?

Explore

2. What has been your personal experience with any of the speaking gifts: (from I Cor. 12:8-10: 1) A message of wisdom or 2) knowledge, 3) Prophecy, 4) Discernment of spirits, Speaking and Interpretation of tongues; (from Eph.4:11) roles in church like *apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers*
3. How do you think of sermons and preaching?
 - Just a talk, who's the preacher?
 - Like a lecture, full of things to know
 - Hit or miss, sometimes inspiring, sometimes boring
 - The very words of God, like God is speaking to me
4. How can you think of the speaking gifts as more powerful than others and at the same time not hierarchically higher than, for example, gifts of serving. Or, how do you (or ought you to) prepare yourself to use a speaking gift, do you think?
5. Has there been a time when you've resisted a speaking gift, though you felt God's prompting?

Pray:

- Pray for those in the group who have speaking gifts that it may always edify and unify the church.
- Pray for those in the group who have been hurt by the(mis)use of these powerful gifts
- Pray for those whose role in the church (pastoral staff) is to bring edification to be filled with God's grace and with the Holy Spirit as they speak as ones who speak the very words of God!

Reminder: Workshop on June 2 (5:00 – 7:30 PM) to explore spiritual gifts and serving in the body of Christ; make it a life group event.

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