

Application:

9. What is a gift you've always wished you could have? Why is that gift appealing to you?
10. What would you say are your gifts? What would OTHER people say are your gifts? (If you don't know, ASK.)
11. Are you currently using your gifts in the church? If not, why? If so, how are you using them?
12. In the message Kory said our greatest strength is usually our greatest weakness? Can you think of an example in your own life?
13. Has there been a time when you've looked at someone else's gift only as a weakness, but failed to see the strength? Was your relationship with them healthy? Explain.
14. How can you be more intentional about using your gifts in the church?
15. How can you develop your gift to be more effective in ministry?
16. What practical step will you take to do this? When will you do it?

Roots: God's Gift to the Church

Sermon Notes and Takehome

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Acts 2:1-13; Ephesians 4:1-13

Most of us spend our lives wishing we had something we _____ or could do something we _____ to do.

Review:

- Jesus intended the church to be a _____ in people's lives and in society.
- The _____ is the power behind the church.

What's significant about Acts 2?

- The _____.
- God communicated to the people through their _____ language.
- Sometimes gifts have _____ manifestations, but are not more important than the other gifts.

Gifts in Ephesians 4:

- Our calling is to hold _____ with an open _____.
- “Bear with” is more than just tolerating each other. It’s trying to _____ each other.
- Every gift has both a _____ and a _____.
- The key to understanding is to remember we’re on the _____.
- Your _____ is just right for you.

Further Study:

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-30

Usually when the Apostle Paul wrote his letters, like 1 Corinthians, he wrote them to address particular situations that arose within the church. He would use the opportunity to give instructions to the young church.

1. In 1 Corinthians 12, what situation do you think Paul was addressing in the Corinthian church?
2. What are the various gifts Paul lists in verses 7 through 11? Try to define each gift.
3. Paul’s list of gifts is certainly not exhaustive. What other gifts might be valuable to the modern church?
4. What does he say all the gifts have in common?

In verses 12-31, Paul calls the church the “body of Christ.”

5. What does it say about the task of the church when Paul calls the Church the “body of Christ?”
6. What does he say about the body and its parts?
7. What are some examples of gifts some might see as more valuable? What are some examples of gifts some might see as less valuable?
8. What gifts do you think Paul means when he urges the Corinthians to “eagerly desire the greater gifts?”