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Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

Explain in your own words what Spiritual Gifts are

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

- In these two passages, Paul seems to present the specific gifts he mentions as but a few common examples of Gifts rather than an exhaustive, prescriptive list of Gifts. What Gifts have you seen fellow brothers and sisters exercise that undoubtedly come from the Holy Spirit but are nonetheless not included on Paul's list?

Two specific gifts to focus on today: Prophecy and Teaching

- Gifts of Prophecy work to <u>proclaim the purposes of God</u>. There is often a difference between the use of the word "prophecy" in OT and NT contexts. In OT contexts it can often mean telling about future events before they happen. In NT contexts, it is more often used to mean "forthtelling", or "bringing forth" information, insight, or rational conclusions based on observable evidence. It can also mean appropriately relating information from the Word of God to specific challenges of life.
 - O Given this definition, discuss a situation in your life where you believe another Christian exercised the gift of Prophecy to guide you through a challenge using the Word of God. Or, describe a time when you were sharing a struggle or challenge and someone called your attention back to a time when God was at work accomplishing his purposes for his people despite the challenges they faced (or how God has done so in our fellow Christians' own life).
 - o How have us used the gift of Prophecy to build up the Body of Christ?
- Gifts of Teaching work to <u>explain the plan of God as revealed in Scripture.</u>
 - We have all likely exercised the Gift of Teaching as some point in our Christian lives, through a Sunday School class, VBS, church camp, or through various other ministries we're involved in. How have you have seen the fruit of your teaching borne out in another Christian's life?
 - How are you speaking the Words of God (using the gift of Teaching) to benefit your friends, neighbors, coworkers, and all of mankind?

Do Big

Remember the following:

- Whatever we do, when we do it by Faith, the Holy Spirit can amplify our efforts to accomplish his purposes
- Paul urges us that, whatever gift we have, we should exercise it by faith that the Holy Spirit of God is within us, that God is with us, and we should have faith and confidence that the Word will do what it says it will do (build up the body of Christ and serves all mankind)

