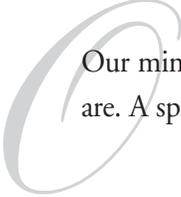




Course Three: *Our Spiritual Gifts*

SEGMENT 2: GETTING IN SHAPE FOR MINISTRY

PARTICIPANTS' GUIDE



Our ministry is as unique as we are, therefore it must honestly reflect who we are. A spiritual gifts assessment can help us determine our gifts for ministry.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 827)

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

What are spiritual gifts?

What do we need in addition to spiritual gifts to minister?

VIDEO PRESENTATION



SHAPE

Spiritual Gifts

Missionary, Healing, Intercession, Craftsmanship, Hospitality, Faith, Discernment, Mercy, Giving, Administration, Leadership, Helps, Serving, Knowledge, Wisdom, Encouragement, Miraculous Gifts, Creative Communication, Teacher, Pastor, Evangelist, Prophet, Apostle

Heart

What fulfills your soul

Abilities

Skills we use everyday

Personality

Extraverted or introverted

Thinker or feeler

Routine or variety

Self-controlled or self-expressive

Cooperative or competitive

Experience

Good and bad

USING THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

As we live out the ministry of the baptized, we find direction through the five Baptismal Covenant promises. These promises are made at every baptism and we ask God's help in keeping these promises. For this class the fourth promise is particularly relevant.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What unique gifts did you experience as a child? Adolescent? Adult?

2. What are some gifts of famous people such as your favorite singer, artist, actor, etc.?

3. Read Romans 8:26-28. What does this say to you?

4. Take the spiritual gifts assessment selected for your class.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION, continued

5. After the test, spend some personal reflection time (you can share your thoughts with others as you desire). What are your spiritual gifts? What does the assessment reflect about your heart – about that you love? What does the assessment reflect about your abilities? Your personality? Your experiences? Any surprises? Any confirmations?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and discuss the variety of gifts.

W R A P - U P

This course on Spiritual Gifts has come to a close. We have looked at the things we need to take into consideration when discovering our ministries. In our Baptismal Covenant we promise to be involved in the life and ministry of the church and as a part of the Body of Christ, we seek out and use those gifts we have been given.

C L O S I N G P R A Y E R / H Y M N

The following selections can help us reflect on our discussions today. You may either read and pray or sing and pray your selection(s).

The 1982 Hymnal

#61 - Sleepers, wake

#525 - The Church's one foundation

Wonder, Love and Praise

#758 - Tu has venido a la orilla (You have come down to the lakeshore)

#808 - Thuma mina (Send me Lord)

Lift Every Voice and Sing

#115 - Spirit of the living God

#126 - Here am I, send me

#135 - Is your all on the altar?

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