



Faith Bible Study Guide
For the Week of January 16, 2022
“Gifts for Good”
Group or Individual Study guide

Be still [2 Minutes]

Greet each other, greet the Holy Spirit, and begin with 1 minute of silence to allow the group to open themselves to the Holy Spirit as we lift up the gifts that we each bring to today’s table. Open in Prayer:

Living Water, flow through our worship. Nourish us with your loving presence. Draw us ever closer to you, that our empty vessels may be filled, and that our dry souls may be transformed into fountains of love, life, and joy. Amen.

Be present:

1. Take a deep breath. How is it with your soul?
2. What are your best assets? What gifts/talents/skills do you like to share with others?

Be rooted: Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Brothers and sisters, I don’t want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. ²You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can’t even speak. ³So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, “Jesus is cursed!” when speaking by God’s Spirit, and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are different ministries and the same Lord; ⁶and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. ⁷A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. ⁸A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, ⁹faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, ¹⁰performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues^[a] to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another.¹¹All these things are

produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

1. Count the number of times the word "Spirit" is used in the passage. What might this reveal about the emphasis of this passage?
2. Read Ephesians 4:11-13 and Romans 12:6-8. What might these other lists of gifts suggest about the number of spiritual gifts?
3. What other gifts would you add that are not listed?
4. Who benefits the most when we are operating out of our giftedness? Us? Others? Both?
5. Do you think our spiritual gifts can change over time?

Be transformed:

1. How might we over focus on our spiritual gifts such that practicing them is self-centered as opposed to being for the "common good" (v. 7)?
2. Have participants tell of a time when they operated out of their giftedness and/or when they had to do something they were not gifted to do. Is it always wrong to do only what we're gifted for?
3. Practice: Find one way to use your giftedness this week and be ready to report about it next session.

Be blessed: How has this conversation blessed you today? What can do recognize the gifts that God's has blessed us with?

And Know that He is God: Gather any prayer requests and pray together.