



# WELLSPRING CHURCH

## **LEARN – Your Role within the Unfolding Story of God**

### **Introduction:**

God has shaped and crafted us in unique and different ways and has invited us to participate in His story of redemption. Part of our growth as followers of Jesus is learning more about who we are so that we might better be able to participate in God's plan of redemption. At the same time the ways that God has created and gifted us are not ultimately about just us. Our gifts are meant for the common good, upbuilding of the body of Christ, all to the glory of God. So the question becomes, how has God gifted and called you?

### **Scriptures:**

Read Romans 12v6-8, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4v10-13, 1 Peter 4v7-11.

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Describe a time (or season of time) when you experienced joy using your gifts—when you did something (served or contributed to a community in some way) that brought you life.
2. Describe a time (or season of time) when you were drained (emotionally or spiritually) as you attempted to serve or contribute within a community. Why do you think this experience was draining?
3. Look at the gifts lists in the scriptures above. Which gifts do you most relate to and why?
4. There are lots of reasons why we don't use our gifts at certain times and in certain places. Some of them are emotional and others are related to the specific context in which we are serving. What gets in the way of you using your gifts (doing the “good works” God created you to do)?

### **Experiment: (Choose One)**

1. So much of gift identification comes through action. Find one way to practically engage and serve. Journal and write about that experience. What went well? Why? What did you enjoy and/or not enjoy about the experience?
2. Look at the spiritual gifts as outlined in the passages above. Which gifts do you think you have? Talk with someone you trust about what gifts they see in you.

### **Pod Discussion:**

1. As you listened to the podcast (watched the video), what struck you or stood out to you?
2. What was your experience of the experiment like? Was it enjoyable? Uncomfortable? Did you notice anything about yourself, God or the world?
3. Is God inviting you to change anything in the way you do your life?

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