

The role of the Holy Spirit is to nudge us.

For all who are **led** by the Spirit of God are children of God.
Romans 8:14

“We obtain the fullness of power that God has provided for us in Christ to the same extent that we understand and claim the Holy Spirit’s work for ourselves.” –R.A. Torrey

The Holy Spirit will nudge you to invest in others by using your gifts.

God has given each of you a **gift** from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to **serve one another**. *1 Peter 4:10*

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. *Galatians 5:13*

People are eternal.

“You are a never-ceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God’s great universe.” –Dallas Willard

Share each other’s **burdens**, and in this way obey the law of Christ. *Galatians 6:2*

We know that **real love** is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. *1 John 3:16*

The same love that Jesus carried on the cross is what the Holy Spirit carries inside us.

1. Discover your gift.

2. Start planning to bless others.

“After all, being intentional for giving can’t happen unless we’re positioned for giving.” –Chris Brown

3. Do something.

“Your talent is God’s gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.” –Leo Buscaglia

“When we use our gifts together, we all benefit. If others don’t use their gifts, you get cheated, and if you don’t use your gifts, they get cheated.” -Rick Warren

Who is the Holy Spirit nudging you to invest in?

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Group Prep

In preparation for small group, read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, then answer the following discussion questions.

Introduction

Each of us has been gifted in different ways, and it is our responsibility to use the unique gifts God has given us to bless and serve others well. When we follow the nudge of the Holy Spirit to use these gifts, we open ourselves to receiving the blessings of the abundant life God calls us to.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you enjoy spending your time, what are you good at, and how would you say you’ve been gifted?

2. In 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, Paul discusses the diversity of gifts among believers. Explain the point Paul is trying to make and how is it applicable to Emmanuel? Using the passage in 1 Corinthians 12 and your own experience, make a list of the many different ways God can gift the people of His church to bless one another.

Here are three ways we can begin to invest in others by using the different ways God has gifted us:

Discover your gift – Think of the different people in your group and jot down what different talents and gifts are present. If anyone in this group is having trouble determining how they’ve been gifted, in what ways can we determine how God has designed us to be a blessing to others?

Start planning to bless others – Read 1 Peter 4:10. How can you create space in your schedule, or margin in your budget, to bless others?

Do something - What ways are you currently serving others with the gifts God has given you? How could this group use the different

gifts represented to bless each other, partner with the church, and advance the Kingdom of God?

3. Is there anything that keeps you from investing in others by using the different ways God has gifted you? Read 1 John 3:16-18. What happens in us when we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us to bless others?

Action Step

4. Who is the Holy Spirit nudging you to invest in by using your gifts? What steps will you take to follow the nudge?

My action step is _____

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I will encourage and pray for _____ to follow through, and their action step is _____

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My memory verse is _____
This coming week, I’m praying for _____

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Outreach: Groups in Action

Emmanuel’s ministry partner, The Refuge, is having an open house later in November and needs help with deep cleaning, organizing, and possibly painting on October 13 and October 20 from 2:00–4:00pm. (1-2 small groups needed each Saturday.)

Come on Wednesday night from 6:00-9:00pm and help stock Emmanuel’s Greenwood Campus auditorium with connection cards for the weekend services. This is a need every week.

For more information about these opportunities, please contact Kerry Carmichael at kcarmichael@eclife.org.