

Small Group & Personal Bible Study

This Weeks Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:1

“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”

Study Questions:

1. From what you have read and heard this week from God’s word, why does God give spiritual gifts?

Spiritual gifts are designed to minister to others to strengthen faith. They are for the purpose to bring glory to God.

2. How has God gifted you to serve?

This is a personal question that should be discussed. Perhaps, you and others in your group may be able to encourage individuals in your group to discover how God has imparted spiritual gifts on them and to step out in faith to put those gifts into practice.

3. How are you doing at using your gifts to the glory of God?

Allow people to share. You may even want to use this as an opportunity to encourage members in how you see that God is using them and has gifted them.

4. Read 1 Corinthians chapter 12. What is God teaching us from this chapter?

The key message is that God made us just the way He desired and we have been gifted to serve. Each has a different part in the body of Christ but each part is important to the others.

5. Now read 1 Corinthians chapter 13. What important message is God teaching us in this chapter about putting our gifts into action to the glory of God?

It is important to remember that in the body of Christ, the church, that love must be the motivator and the movement of serving in every way.

Daily Reading Schedule:

Day 1: - Ephesians 4:1-16

Day 2: - Romans 1:8-12, 1 Peter 4:10-11

Day 3: - 1 Corinthians 12

Day 4: - 1 Corinthians 13

Day 5: - 1 Corinthians 14

Group Leaders:

- *You may want to consider studying Ephesians 4:1-16 as an alternative this week.*
- *Tim will be sharing a free Web site that can be used for a spiritual gift analysis. Encourage individuals to go onto the site and complete it. Ask them to report back what they found. How it confirmed or may have even redirected their ministry service pursuits.*
- *This week, we are putting up a new EVC ministry wall in the front of the church. This is a tool to help people find ways to get involved at EVC. Sometimes people can’t decide how they fit and just need to jump into a ministry with a need and see how God will use them in that ministry and then seek Him and His guidance for the future.*