

How Do I... Week 3

Discussion Guide



Icebreaker

If your friends described you as a "specialist," what would your specialty be?

Read

Take turns reading Ephesians 2:10, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 and 1 Peter 4:10

Discuss

It's easy to look around and feel like someone else is more gifted, more useful, or more put together. Ephesians 2:10 tells us that you are His workmanship, uniquely designed with a purpose. The question isn't whether you have purpose though, it's whether or not you're living like you believe that's true.

- **What stands out to you from Ephesians 2:10?**
- **Do you personally believe you are God's masterpiece? Why or why not?**
- **How does understanding that God prepared good works in advance change how you view your life right now?**
- **Where are you tempted to compare your giftings or abilities to someone else's?**
- **How might comparison keep you from stepping into what God has for you?**

A lot of people hesitate to step into their gifting because they feel unsure, unqualified, or like what they have isn't that important. But Scripture pushes against that idea. What God has given you is not random or insignificant. It's intentional and needed. The Church (entire body of believers) misses something when you hold back.

- **Looking at Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12, which gifts or tendencies stand out to you personally?**
- **Which gifts do you see in others around you?**
- **How have your past experiences shaped how you could serve others?**
- **What keeps people from using their gifts (fear, busyness, insecurity, not knowing where to start, etc.)? Which one do you relate to most?**

At some point, this has to move from awareness to action. Knowing your gifts is helpful, but using them is what actually makes a difference. Scripture calls us stewards of what God has given us, which means we're responsible for how we use it. The goal isn't just to discover your gifting, it's to step into it.

- **According to 1 Peter 4:10, who are your gifts actually for?**
- **Where in your life do you currently have opportunities to serve (church, home, work, community)?**
- **What would it look like for you to use your gift well this week?**

Application

Everybody is a somebody in Christ's body and that includes you. This week, don't just think about your gifting, use it.

- **Identify one area from your S.H.A.P.E. where you feel clarity and take a step to use it this week.**
 - **Spiritual gifts**
 - **Heart (what breaks your heart? What gives you great joy?)**
 - **Abilities (things you're naturally good at)**
 - **Personality (introverted/extroverted, cooperative/competitive, solo/team player, etc.)**
 - **Experiences (family, educational, vocational, spiritual, ministry, painful)**

Prayer

Spend time in prayer asking God: Where do you want me to use what you've given me?