

Growth Group Discussion Questions—March 14-20

1. Share about your week using weather terms. Pick a category and explain.

- A. Partly Cloudy C. Mostly Sunny
B. Rain/Snow Showers D. Sunny and Warm

2. God gives gifts! To warm up, let's read a passage that celebrates the many different gifts that God gives to His people. Have three people each read a section: 1 Cor. 12:4-11; 12:12-20; 12:21-31.

3. Dave made the important point that a variety of different spiritual gifts are needed in each ministry at SCBC. Take the example that Dave gave, Children's Ministry. How would this ministry require people with diverse spiritual gifts? Brainstorm the many different gifts that need to be in play for a dynamic Children's Ministry (for this question, you can find a useful list of spiritual gifts in Romans 12:4-8). Feel free to pick another ministry that you know something about, like TechTeam or Celebrate Recovery.

4. We had a funny skit on Sunday that pictured how people with different spiritual gifts respond to the same situation. You'll remember that in the skit, someone spilled a glass of water causing each of seven people to respond in different ways. Review how each person with each gift responded and then share which one comes closest to how you might have responded.

Mercy _____ Prophecy _____
Serving _____ Teaching _____
Exhortation _____ Giving _____
Leadership _____

5. What's your take-away from Dave's message? Tell your growth group pals.



1. To have a healthy "spiritual" blood pressure we need to know

what _____ spiritual gifts are.

A spiritual gift is a **God-given** _____ ability
to **serve** _____ the church **effectively** _____.

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11 - 12

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

- Spiritual gifts are not **talents** _____ or
abilities _____.
- Spiritual gifts are to be used in **every** _____
ministry.
- Spiritual gifts are to **serve** _____ God and
serve _____ others.

2. To have a healthy "spiritual" blood pressure we need to know

how _____ to use spiritual gifts.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

1 Corinthians 12:4 - 6

Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it

1 Corinthians 12:14 - 26

- We need to use our gifts as a **_team_**.
- When using our gifts, we must realize that no gift is more **_important_** than another.
- When using our gifts, don't let the discussion or exercising of gifts create **_division_** among the body.

The two best ways to use your gifts are in your areas of

passion or **_need_**.

3. To have a healthy "spiritual" blood pressure we need to know

what our gifts are.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:6 - 8

1. You see **_fruit_** in what you are doing.
2. You get **_affirmed_** by people in what you are doing.
3. You get **_energized_** by what you are doing.