



Month 6 - Church & Spiritual Gifts

PREPARE WEEK

Preparing to reach your school and community with the Good News of Jesus.



Foundation Scripture

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25



HOST

"Welcome to First Priority! This week is Prepare Week, where we prepare to reach our school and community with the Good News of Jesus. We've been learning about the Church as a whole and discussing some issues it has. This week we want to take a closer look at what you can offer the Church and why each of us is so valuable to it. Let's pray..."

OPENING PRAYER



SPEAKER

"Let's start off by understanding that spiritual "gifts" aren't always what we think they are. We usually think of gifts or abilities as something you can see outwardly and that gets a lot of attention. Some of you may be really gifted at a sport, some of you may be really smart and have good grades, some of you may play an instrument or be great at painting.

While all of those things can be gifts that you have, **they aren't the most important things**. The world places a lot of value on outward things, but God does not see people the way the world does. 1 Peter 4:10 says that every believer has spiritual gifts and our Foundation Verse, Hebrews 10:24-25, tells us to use our gifts when we gather together.

There are a few passages in the Bible that talk about specific spiritual gifts. Let's break into 3 groups and take one of those passages to read through and discuss (*give groups the passages, not the lists*).

- **Group 1 - Romans 12:6-8** (prophecy, exhortation, mercy, service, giving, teaching, leading).
- **Group 2 - 1 Corinthians 12:8-10** (wisdom, healing, distinguishing spirits, knowledge, miracles, speaking in tongues, faith, prophecy, and understanding tongues).



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- **Group 3 - 1 Corinthians 12:28b** (healing, miracles, helping/serving, administrating, and speaking in tongues).

(Close groups & have groups list out what spiritual gifts they saw in their verses).

"There are some confusing words listed as gifts and definitely some gifts that we don't fully understand, so...**how can we tell what gifts WE have?**

We always begin by praying and asking God to help us see what gifts He has given us. Sometimes God will use another person to help us see what gifts we have and sometimes we find out almost on accident. Either way, we can trust that when we ask God to show us, He will.

Remember during Help Week when we talked about families and how each member is different? That is the same with people in the Church - we all have unique gifts and we are better together. To finish our discussion for this week, let's read 1 Corinthians 12:14-20 *(have a Student Leader read Scripture)*. So, no matter what our spiritual gifts may be, we all have a purpose and we are all important to the Church or family of God."



HOST

"Our challenge is to pray throughout the next week and ask God to help us see what our spiritual gift or gifts may be. You can also talk to a Student Leader or your pastor. Next week is ENGAGE Week so remember to invite your friends. Let's pray..."

CLOSING PRAYER

OTHER STUDENT LEADER ROLES



PROMO

Promote Engage Week on social media and through posters!



WELCOME

Make sure to talk to new faces who may have visited last week!



FOLLOW UP

Follow up with students who may have questions or want to attend a church!