



GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

BREAKING THE ICE

What's the best Christmas gift you have ever received?

Are you a regifter? If so, what's the best/worst thing you have ever regifted.

MAIN CONTENT



We're in the series, "Gifted," where we are invited to give as we are generously gifted. Last week Pastor Kevin Robison, the Franklin Campus pastor, spoke about our gift of time.

1. How and what did God reveal to you about how you spend your time in the past week?
2. Did you discover that you were investing your time or wasting your time?

This week, Pastor Kevin talked about the gifts inside us. We were all created with gifts God gave us. God gives us gifts because He is good. In His goodness, He is asking us to slow down and experience it.

3. Are there areas in your life that you know you need to "slow down" to experience God's presence more? What can you do to slow down?

Read James 1:16-17.

We didn't have to do anything to receive the gifts God gave us. They are free to us.

God never changes and His gifts for you don't change. You can use them to glorify Him or you can choose not to use them.

4. When is the last time you thanked God for the gifts He has given you? How have you grown and developed the gifts God has given you?



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In 1 Corinthians 12, there is a list of spiritual gifts available for those who follow Jesus. There are even more not listed. Each person has specific gifts given to them to help the people who follow God to help experience His grace and goodness.

Read 1 Corinthians 12.

5. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If so, share those with your group.

If you don't know what your spiritual gifts are, you can take a free spiritual gifts test at www.giftstest.com

6. Do you currently use your gifts to serve God?

In order for God's goodness to be revealed, we all need to use the gifts He has given us. It's important to not let fear keep us from using the gifts He has given. Sometimes that means we have to step out of our comfort zone and do things that may be hard. But in these hard things, God's grace and goodness is revealed to those who need it. In those times, it is important to remember that God has not given you those gifts to fail.

7. If you aren't currently using your gifts, where can you use your gifts to help both those who follow Jesus and the church?

God can use your gifts to help "the one" who may need it most. All we have to do is be willing and available for God to move in us to help others. God doesn't choose the most gifted, He chooses the heart fully committed to Him.

8. Are there areas in your heart you need to give to God to be fully committed to Him and use the gifts He has given you to help others?



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PRAYER

God, Thank you for the gifts you have given us. If there are things in our lives that keep us from using the gifts you have given us, will you show us what they are? Where we are unclear on our gifts, will you help us know what those gifts are and how to use them for your glory and goodness? In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

This week, pray and ask God where He would have you use your gifts for the church and the one who needs to experience His grace and goodness. If you are bold, tell God, "I'm the Lord's servant, I'll do whatever you want." Come back next week to discuss what God reveals to you.