



Key References:

2 Corinthians 5:20a (ESV)

^{20a} Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

Romans 12:3–8 (ESV)

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Ephesians 4:7–13 (ESV)

⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

[...] ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

1 – Naturally supernatural

At the beginning of the sermon on Sunday Mike said that “*everything is spiritual*”. **What was meant by this, and if true, why is it important as we look at the gifts?**

Mike also said “*When we view our gifts from a human dimension we miss the divine purpose.*” **Being that the gifts are supernatural, what is the danger of trying to fully understand them from a human perspective before stepping out in them?**

On Sunday we read 1 Corinthians 5:20a. **Do you feel you are operating currently as an ambassador and connecting Spiritual Gifts with this?**

2 – Gifts in Romans & Ephesians

Reading Romans 12:3-8 & Ephesians 4:7-3. **Are there any gifts here that we didn't find in 1 Corinthians 12 form the previous weeks?**

Why has God given us and the church Spiritual Gifts? What reasons are given in Ephesians 4:11-16?

2 – Gifts from and through grace

Mike said on Sunday that your Spiritual Gifting is commonly the thing you find the easiest. **Is this your experience?**

Read Romans 12:6. **Can you explain how Grace flows in relation to spiritual gifts? What are some examples or life experiences you have had?**

3 – Applying the gifts

It was also on Sunday said that “*Christianity is in danger of becoming the world biggest spectator's sport*”. **What can we do to move ourselves from being spectators to active participants for the gospel?**

Reading Matthew 25:31-40 what tasks does God commend them for?

Roughly 5% of the 100,000 people in Nanaimo attend church, which means for each 1 of us there is 19 people who need us to minister to them.

Thinking about your week, how could God use your specific Spiritual Gifting this week to bring them closer to Jesus?