

Identity – Week 6 – “Working for God” My gifts and fruit

Connect and review	
<p>Make sure everyone knows each other.</p>	<p>Recap last week. The objective this week is to recognise both my natural and spiritual gifts are necessary for effective living and growing. Give out sheets “What have you got?” Allow a few minutes to complete these. Discuss – “Is there a difference between natural and spiritual gifts?”</p>
Inspire and engage	
<p>These notes are for a starting point – you can add your own ideas and present them in your own style. Today’s study is a vast subject so it is only intended to look at this section briefly. Hopefully spiritual gifts will be examined in more detail in another course.</p>	<p>Natural gifts are given to all – yes, we all have at least one! Often what is a natural gift can be heightened by the Holy Spirit to be useful in the Kingdom of God eg one who is good managing money may be a good steward of church finances, or one who is a good cook can be used to support others lacking in that area.</p> <p>Spiritual gifts in the church are numerous: 1 Corinthians 12:4-12, Ephesians 4:11-12, Romans 12:6-8. Briefly explain these.</p> <p>Why these gifts? Have a few to share ideas. Ephesians 4:12-16 shows they are to build up, encourage and aid the smooth running of a body of believers.</p> <p>So where does fruit come in? Galatians 5:22 – 23. (NB one fruit but many facets – a bit like an orange)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of the Gifts and the fruit of the Holy Spirit working together... working through the gift but according to the fruit!! • The two working together will bring greater impact.
Explore and apply	
<p>These exercises are in the attendees’ notes. As you consider each in small groups or pairs allow 1-2 groups for short feedback before moving to the next exercise.</p>	<p>Explore</p> <p>Growth in wisdom is a continuous process. What are the biggest challenges you face in making wisdom an essential part in your life? How can these be addressed and over come?</p> <p>Apply</p> <p>Show sheet “My personal development plan” and explain this is to be completed at home over the next week.</p>
Reflect and review	
<p>This area is vital to see how much has been taken on board. Make sure each one in the room (including you) has at least one action point to leave with!</p>	<p><i>Personal reflection:</i></p> <p>How can I know my spiritual gifts?</p> <p><i>Suggested activity:</i></p> <p>Personal development plan</p>