

How can this group support you in prayer this coming week?



*Synchronized
Serving*

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1 Timothy 4:11-16, Romans 12:3-8
1 Corinthians 12:14-26

Gifted to serve others

Connected to other servers

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Message-based Group Lesson

Overview

As Paul coaches Timothy to be a better spiritual leader he reminds him that there are tasks to be done and, to do them well, he will have to develop and use the gifts and skills that God has given him. Everyone has a role to play in God's church and as Timothy needed to fulfill his role, so we need to fulfill ours as well. We, too, will have to develop those gifts and skills God has given us.

Engaging with each other

1. As a child, what kind of lessons did you take? How did you feel about practicing?
2. What skill or talent would you say you're just naturally good at; singing, art, watching TV?

Engaging with the Bible

1. Read 1 Timothy 4:11-14. What instructions does Paul give Timothy?
2. What does 1 Timothy 4:15, 16 suggest Timothy might have to do to be effective in these areas?

3. Read Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:14-26. The word for "gift" is from the same root that we get the word "grace." What do you see is the connection between these two ideas? How does it inform how we are to look at any gifts we may have?
4. List the gifts named in the Romans and Corinthians passages. Which gifts do churches normally put the most value on? Which ones does Paul say are most important?
5. How does the use of one's gifts affect the whole church? What does that imply for each of us?

Engaging with our lives

1. A good starting point to discover your gifts is to simply start serving. Why do you think this is?
2. What is one thing you can do to begin to discover where you best fit? What can you do to develop any gift/skill that you have?