

Sermon Supplement from September 14

“Exercising Your Spiritual Gifts” – Romans 12:3-8

WARM UP

- What preconceptions do you have about spiritual gifts going into this lesson? Do you have any idea what your gifts are?

DIG IN

Read V.3 | Accept Your Assignment

- How does it impact you to know that, if you are a Christian, God has given you a unique “grace assignment” in serving His Church?
- In what ways do you tend to either over or under-estimate yourself in relation to your service for God and His Church?

Read VV. 4-5 | Play Your Position

- How does the analogy of a football team help you to understand the concept presented in these verses?
- What happens when we don’t play our position or when we refuse to get into the game?

Read VV. 6-8 | Be a Contributor not a Consumer

- What do you find convicting about the first half of verse 6? How are you currently using your gifts to serve the Church? If you aren’t, why not?
- As you read the list in vv. 6-8 which gifts do you gravitate toward?
- Read 1 Corinthians 12 – what light does this passage shed on the topic of spiritual gifts?

Discerning Your Gifts: *What do I love and enjoy? What do I find satisfying? What am I good at? What do others say I’m good at? Where have I been successful? What needs do I tend to notice? What burdens me? How can I use this to serve God and strengthen His Church?*

Wrap Up

- In what specific ways has this study helped you to identify and use your spiritual gifts to serve God and strengthen His Church?
- How does this passage challenge or shape your attitude and actions?
- Is there a verse or phrase from this passage you want to carry with you and reflect on this week?

Next Week’s Text – Romans 12:9-21

- **Read** – Read the text several times looking for key ideas.
- **Reflect** – What truths stand out to you? What challenges, convicts, or encourages you?
- **Respond** – What is your response to what you just read?