

## Participants Homework

For the week of January 17 – 21, 2022

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### LOVE NEVER ENDS: BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST *VARIETIES OF GIFTS*<sup>1</sup>

#### GATHERING: GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Explore your spiritual gifts using one of the following online spiritual gifts assessments.  
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>  
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/equipping-leaders/spiritual-gifts>
2. Do you agree with your results? If not, what did you find surprising or disagreeable?

#### GROWING: GOING DEEPER

Reflecting on the message: *VARIETIES OF GIFTS* that Pastor Young Sun shared with us.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.

How many times is the word “Spirit” is used in the passage? What do you think this might reveal about the emphasis of this passage?

Read Ephesians 4:11-13 and Romans 12:6-8.

1. What do you think these other lists of gifts might suggest about the number of spiritual gifts?
2. What other gifts would you add that are not listed?

Considering our giftedness,

1. Who do you think benefits the most when we are operating out of our giftedness? Us? Others? Both?

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, Love Never Ends: Varieties of Gifts, Discipleship Ministries, Nashville

2. Do you think our spiritual gifts can change over time?
3. How might we over focus on our spiritual gifts such that practicing them is self-centered as opposed to being for the “common good” indicated in v.7?

## GOING: TAKING IT HOME

Think about a time when you operate out of your giftedness and/or when you had to do something you were not gifted to do. Is it always wrong to do only what we’re gifted for?

Practice: Find one way to use your giftedness and share it in the group next session.

Memorization Verse

***<sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.***

*1 Corinthians 12:11*

**Sending Prayer:** Father, Son, and Spirit, you model for us a community of mutuality and an essence of love. You have given us a diversity of gifts for the building up of the community. Give us the eyes of appreciation, instead of envy, for the giftedness that others add to the community. Give us the eyes to see the needs of others and the courage to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the “hands and feet of Christ.” Amen.

Prayer Requests:



### **Growth Group Community Service Project**

We ask every group to take on at least one service project a year (the ideal is two) and to have at least one social gathering (potluck) per half a year. Please consider with your group members of what community service you’d like to participate in. There is a project list made by our church that you can join in and outside the church.

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