



Equip

prepared to serve together

Sunday, November 29, 2009

Week #6

“Engaged”



This is our last week in the EQUIP series. We have journeyed together over the past six weeks discussing the “mystery of Christ”. Part of the good news of Jesus death is that he “brought us together into one body”. Together we are called, as followers of Jesus, to use our spiritual gifts and serve one another.

We are at the point now where we need to move past talking to action. Benjamin Franklin said, “well done is better than well said”. There are numerous questions surrounding the topic of “spiritual gifts” but clearly there is one thing we can all agree upon. Serving one another with our spiritual gifts is key to our spiritual maturity together.

We need to use our gifts. It is time for action.

You are loved,



Prayer Requests

Review. In your own words explain the process described in Ephesians 4 that produces spiritual maturity in the life of followers of Jesus together.



Next Steps

Share with your home group what you want your next steps to be.

- I would like more help in discovering my spiritual gifts and how I could use them to serve others.
- I would like to dialogue with others about how to use my spiritual gifts to serve others in places like home, work, and in the community.
- I would like to explore how to best engage in serving others as part of OBC ministries.
- I would like assistance in becoming better equipped to effectively serve others in my giftedness.
- I would like prayer for me as I ask God to clarify how I should be using my gifts.

How can we pray for one another in response to the EQUIP series?

In 1 Peter 4:10-11, Peter describes our serving one another with our spiritual gifts as like that of a “house manager”.

What is a “house manager” and why is the idea of being like a “house manager” with the use of our gifts such a unique or different perspective on life?

A “house manager” knows that the resources they are responsible for are not their own. How does knowing that your spiritual gifts are not your own but God’s impact the way you live?



Spiritual gifts are literally “grace gifts”. This means that when you receive them they are part of God’s grace in your life. You don’t earn them, you receive them as gifts from God himself. It also means that when you use your gifts to serve someone else you are distributing the grace of God in another person’s life.

Think of your spiritual gifts. What are the implications of the above truth for your spiritual gifts?

House managers are ready for the return of their master. How does using your spiritual gifts prepare you for the return of Jesus? See Luke 12:35-40 for some principles.

A good house manager always tries to act like his master. Looking at 1 Peter 4:11 and Peter’s categories of speaking and serving what does it mean to act like Jesus with your spiritual

How can you please Jesus with the use of your spiritual gifts? How do you keep bringing glory to God as a life purpose in the front of your mind every day?

