

Practical Faith

MESSAGE SUMMARY

You are a part of what God is doing in the world, but you are not the point of what God is doing in the world. You just get to be a part of it. We are all unique and all have different skills and gifts. When we all work in harmony together Look out! Biblical community is about all of us doing what we do best in harmony with each other for God's glory. Whatever your gift is...use IT! Spiritual gifts are those things we do where feel most connected to God.

ENGAGING THE WORD

What are some things that stood out to you in the sermon? Things you specifically related to? Things you didn't understand? Any new insight you are taking away?

READ ROMANS 12

- Note the progression of Paul's thought in Romans 12. What major topics does he cover? How do the topics relate?
- Highlight or write down all of the commands Paul gives in Romans 12 (to find the commands, note verbs in the text). What do you learn from these commands? How do they compare to what you know of Jesus' teaching?
- Highlight or write down Paul's list of spiritual gifts in Romans 12. (Optional: Read Ephesians 4:1-13 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 for additional lists of spiritual gifts)
- What caution and context does Paul give before he lists the gifts?
- What do you learn about community and relating to others in the church from reading Romans 12?

ENGAGING THE HEART

- Romans 12 could be considered an outline of Christian transformation. What did you learn about the process of becoming more like Jesus from this passage? How are spiritual gifts a part of that process?
- Take a few minutes to think about your unique personality, talents, passions, etc. What spiritual gift or gifts might God have given you? How are you currently using your gifts?
- Spend some time dreaming as a group - what would it look like for you to use your collective gifts together?

ENGAGING OUR WORLD

Parkview is providing an opportunity to take an online spiritual gifts test. Consider taking the test as a way to better understand how God has gifted you.

Close your time together in prayer - thank God for how he has uniquely gifted each of you and ask for His leading as you seek to use those gifts for His glory and to benefit others.

WEEK 1