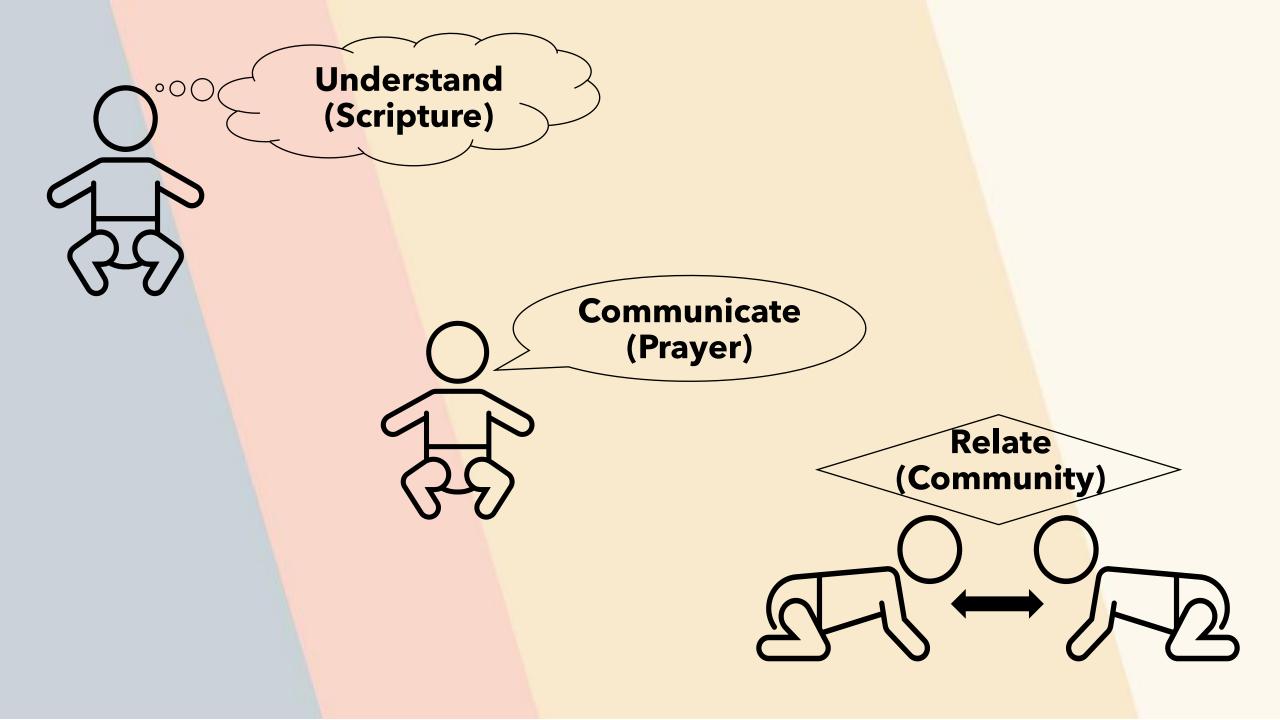
WHAT DO CHRISTIANS DO?

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1 Corinthians 12:12-13

(12) For just as the **body** is one and has many members, and all the members of the **body**, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (13) For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Guiding Statement

If we are to live in community well and grow together as one body, we must...

Discover and use the spiritual gifts God has given us.

1. What are spiritual gifts?

Key Spiritual Gifts Passages

Romans 12:6-8 1 Corinthians 12-14 Ephesians 4:7-16 1 Peter 4:10-11

1 Corinthians 12:1-6

(1) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed...(4) Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; (5) and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; (6) and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.



Pneumatikos

Charisma



1 Corinthians 12:7-11

(7) To each is given the manifestation of the **Spirit for the common good. (8)** For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same **Spirit...(11) All these are <u>empowered by</u>** one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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Definition

Abilities given to each member of Jesus' body by God's grace and empowered by his Holy Spirit...

Spiritual Gifts *≠* **Spiritual Fruit**

1 Corinthians 1:7

...you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

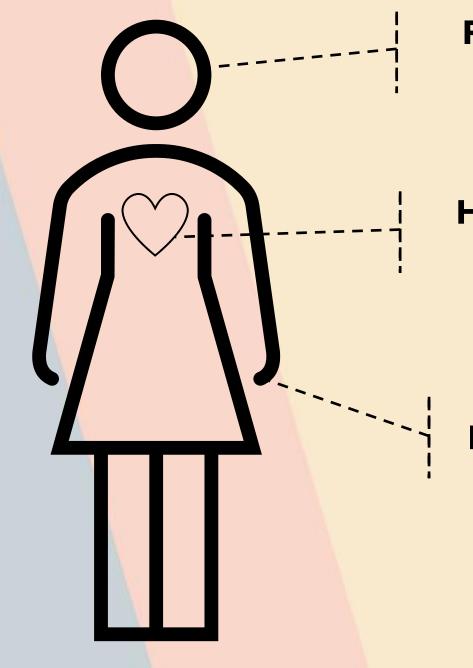
1 Corinthians 3:1-3

(1) But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. (2) I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, (3) for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

<u>Rom. 12</u>	<u>1 Cor. 12</u>	<u>Eph. 4</u>	<u>1 Pe. 4</u>
 Prophecy Serving Teaching Encouraging Contributing Leadership Mercy 	 Prophecy Teaching Miracles Healings Helps Administration Word of Wisdom Word of Knowledge Faith Discernment of Spirits Tongues Interpretation of Tongues 	 Prophecy Evangelism Teaching 	 Hospitality? Gifts of Speaking Gifts of Serving

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's <u>varied</u> grace:



Prophecy, teaching, discernment, admin., leadership, etc.

Healings, mercy, encouraging, faith, etc.

Helps, serving, contributing, etc.

2. Why should we discover and use our spiritual gifts?

1 Corinthians 12:7

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Ephesians 4:15-16

(15) Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, (16) from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Definition

Abilities given to each member of Jesus' body by God's grace and empowered by his Holy Spirit...for the health and growth of the entire body.

1 Corinthians 14:4-5

(4) The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. (5) Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy...so that the church may be built up.

3. How do we discover and use our spiritual gifts?

Head Steps

1. Pray

1 Corinthians 12:11

All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Head Steps (Look Up)

1. Pray

2. Read

Heart Steps (Look In)

3. Self-Examine

- Look inside yourself & ask:
 - What are my abilities and skills?
 - What are my desires?

1 Corinthians 14:1

Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts...

C Heart Steps (Look In)

3. Self-Examine

- Look inside yourself & ask:
 - What are my abilities and skills?
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 - What are my motives?

James 4:3

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

1 Corinthians 14:1

Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts...

Mand Steps (Look Out)

4. Look outward to... * Others, for counsel & prayer * The needs & opportunities around you



"Some might say they still don't know their gift. But knowing your spiritual gift isn't as important as exercising your <u>spiritual gift</u>. Surely many believers in history didn't know their spiritual gifts or think much about them, and yet they exercised those gifts in powerful ways. If you aren't sure what your spiritual gifts are, I wouldn't worry about it. If you give yourself to other believers in the church, you will inevitably be using your gifts."

- Thomas Schreiner

Mand Steps (Look Out)

5. Start doing it!

- Cycle through previous steps
- Evaluate: Is it benefitting & building up your local body?
- Serve Teams & Small Groups!

Mand Steps (Look Out)

6. Get better at it!

1 Timothy 4:13-15

(13) Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. (14) Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. (15) **Practice these things, immerse yourself** in them, so that all may see your progress.

Mand Steps (Look Out)

6. Get better at it!Devote Yourself

* Practice



Head, Heart & Hand Steps

1. Pray 2. Read **3. Self-Examine** 4. Look Outward 5. Start Doing It 6. Get Better at It



Ephesians 4:7-8

(7) But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. (8) Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

Next Renew class is Wednesday, May 15th