

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES -

Romans 12:1-8 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, **5** so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. **6** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; **7** if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; **8** the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Other Passages: Acts 2-4, Romans 12, Ephesians 3 and 4

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Where do you feel most pressure to conform to the world's standards, and how can Scripture renew your mind in those areas?

2. Can you share a time when surrendering to God brought unexpected transformation in your perspective or actions?
3. What does it mean to “think with sober judgment” about yourself?
4. Which of the gifts listed here do you identify with most strongly, and how have you seen it at work in your life?
5. As you reflect on this Gifted series, what stands out to you personally?
6. How can you use your gifts to help others initiate or nurture their relationship with Christ?
Take time to pray, and take action together.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS