



# Journal

## Chapter 17: SPIRITUAL GIFTS

### Personal Study

Last week you examined the practice of biblical community. Possibly you learned that community is not just nice to participate in; it's a necessity for a full, healthy lifestyle. This week before your group meeting, read *Believe, Chapter 17: Spiritual Gifts*. Then take some time allowing the Scripture to take root in your heart and evaluating how God is involved in your daily life.

### Read

Read *Believe, Chapter 17: Spiritual Gifts* and answer the following questions.

1. Describe the common patterns found in these verses.

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2. As you read this chapter, what questions came to mind?

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3. What did you read that surprised you?

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Reinvigorated you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Challenged you? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How is the Holy Spirit's gifting of individuals different in the Old Testament and New Testament? How is it the similar?

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5. In what ways have you seen spiritual gifts used in your life or the lives of others?

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6. What unique role has God given you within the body of Christ?

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### **Evaluate**

*Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 17: Spiritual Gifts, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a 1–6 scale (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).*

\_\_\_\_\_ I know my spiritual gift(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ I regularly use my spiritual gift(s) in ministry to accomplish God's purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_ I value the spiritual gifts of others to accomplish God's purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Others recognize and affirm my spiritual gift(s) and support my use of them.

### **Take Action**

*Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week's Key Verse to memory.*

**Key Verses:** “For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.” (Romans 12:4 – 6)

*Recite this week’s Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, “Does my life reflect this statement?”*

**Key Idea:** I know and use my spiritual gifts and use them to fulfill God’s purposes.

*Answer the following questions to help you apply this week’s Key Idea to your own life.*

1. How could this practice express itself in your life?

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2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who uses his or her spiritual gifts?

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3. What is impeding your ability to know and use your spiritual gifts?

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How can you overcome this obstacle?

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