

Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

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## Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

### Message Summary

This week we're putting the finishing touches on our series, *The Love Buzz*. Over the last 4 weeks, we've learned that the Buzz starts when we are **PERSONALLY** filled with the love of Jesus. Then, as that love **OOZES** out of us, it impacts those closest to us first. This is the buzz **PRIVATELY** which must come before we take the buzz **PUBLICLY** to the rest of the world. This week, though, we talked about the buzz **PRACTICALLY** because, as the Big Idea states, **it's easier to buzz when you know what makes you hum**. In other words, we were made uniquely and gifted uniquely. This week was all about learning how God gifted each of us.

1. **What the Bible says about spiritual gifts.** Over 5 passages of scripture we find that God wants us to learn about the gifts, we all have gifts, we're expected to use our gifts, we're expected to develop for service and we're uniquely matched by God in giftedness and calling.
2. **Steps to help discover spiritual gifts.** Often, the best way to learn is hands on, and the gifts are no exception. While it's good to learn about the gifts, it's even better to get into the "lab" and begin experimenting with them. We do this by exploring, experimenting, examining and expecting.

### Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- As you've thought back through this week's message, what one thing – if any – inspired you or maybe even confused you?
- Have you ever given somebody a gift and knew as soon as they opened it that it wasn't going to be used? Share with your group what it was and how that made you feel? James 1:17 says that God gives us gifts. How do you think God feels if we don't use or appreciate His gifts?
- We live in a culture where the most gifted seem to be given to even more. Athletes, actors, and singers are just some of the people who rarely pay when dining publicly. How does 1 Peter 4:10 flip that reality on its head?
- Who does Philippians 2:5-11 name as the greatest example of not using giftedness as leverage for preferential treatment? On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being selfish and 10 being selfless), what score would you give yourself based on the command of verse 5?
- Take the time to talk through the Spiritual Gifts Discovery test. What surprised you? What didn't? Perhaps you haven't taken the test yet. You'll find it on our website at [www.thegatheringnow.com](http://www.thegatheringnow.com).