

Westwood Life Groups - *A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow*

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a * meet at the Westwood building):

5:30pm, Mondays-Terry Boyd

5:00pm, Saturdays- David Womack

*11:45, Sundays – David Britton

*11:45, Sundays – Joseph Stotts

* 1:00, Sundays – Bob Deason

7:00, Wednesdays – Teens

1:00, Sundays-Glenn Mitchell

1:30, Sundays- Tim Deason

5:00, Sundays – Kirk Mullican

5:00, Sunday- Neil Helton

6:00, Sundays-Terry Connor

*6:00, Sundays – Jeff McKinley

6:00, Sundays – Josh Chandler

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

“My Church, My Gifts, What Now?” #1 Where Do I Fit In?

Introduction:

- One of the best descriptions in the Bible of the church is when Paul likens the church to the human body. Christ is the head and we all are the various members of the body (Eph. 2:6; Romans 15:7; Eph. 4:11-16).
- Everybody has ability, but there are some deep truths we need to understand about our various abilities and gifts.

I. **OBSERVE Your** _____

- According to our text, **Ephesians 4:16**, *every part of the body* is to supply something to the body: no exceptions!
- 1 Peter 4:9-11; James 1:17; Romans 12:4-8; Phil. 2:19-20
- The parable of the talents in Matthew 25 tells us that everyone in the church is responsible for using whatever special abilities they have for the furtherance of the gospel of Christ.

II. **LOOK at Your** _____

- There are just some things we are not gifted to do! All members, as we noted in Romans 12:4, do not have the same function.
- We need to realize that we are not meant to do everything in the church. We can be a very important part of the fellowship **while not doing everything!**

III. **CONSIDER Your** _____

- Our text (Ephesians 4:16) speaks of the “*working of every...part.*”
- In the church, **EVERY** member is necessary and needed! (1 Corinthians 12:22).
- We are to work together in the body with each recognizing, respecting and appreciating the work of others with no jealousy or division (1 Corinthians 12:23-25).

Close...

- No matter who you are or what your gift is – you are important to God and this church!
- What can you do to help discover and implement your spiritual gift(s)??
 - Take the **Spiritual Gifts Test**.
 - Website: <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/>
 - Attend the **Ministry Fair** on Sunday October 28 during our Bible Class time.
- Find where you fit in God’s will and be right in the middle of that will!

Westwood Church of Christ
Sunday Morning
October 7, 2018

Life Group Questions for the Week beginning...
October 7, 2018

1. God describes the church like unto a physical body (Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:14-27); What are some other ways God describes the church and how would you describe it in your own **OPINION**.
2. What are the main points Paul is stressing of Ephesians 4:16? How do these affect me personally?
3. When we choose not to use our gifts and abilities, according to the Scriptures, who suffers? (Matthew 25:14-30; Colossians 1:2-28)
4. Read Romans 12:4. Discuss what it means that in the church we do not all have the “same function”
5. Should we be made to feel guilty because we don’t have certain abilities or gifts? How might we recognize that we are gifted for certain roles in the church?
6. **NOTE:** This one is going to take some real honesty! Have you ever been tempted to think/say that the church would be better off without a certain person or persons? What does God say about that? (1 Corinthians 12:21-26).
7. Why should we as a church be thankful and grateful for the gifts and talents of ALL the other members of the church? (1 Corinthians 12:18-21)

PLEASE take time this week and complete the Spiritual Gifts Test online at:

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