

Café Church – 24 Jan 2010

What is a spiritual gift?

- Given by God
- May develop a natural gift, may be something new
- Given to serve others but by doing so fulfilment for ourself because doing what God made us to do. Hear of round peg in a square hole, when using spiritual gift “Mary shaped hole.”
- Given to everyone – not everyone but me

Examples

- 1 Corinthians 12:8-10
- Romans 12:6-8
- Ephesians 4:11
- Key they are *examples*. Lots of others!
- No gift is more important than another. (*emphasise*)

Gifts intended to be used

Drama: One – not accepted
One – accepted and put on side
One – accepted and used

Discovering your gifts

- Sometimes we take our own gifts for granted. (hospitality, evangelism)
- Often others play a part in helping us discover our gifts. *Booklet*.
Small Gps will be using booklets – and other ways – of discovering spiritual gifts. If not in small gp encourage to do questionnaire anyway.
Talk through and pray about with someone you trust, sml gp leader etc.

Enthusiasms come into it

- If read Rick Warren he uses word “heart” or “passion” – more English to say “enthusiasm.” What are the things that you feel deeply about, what motivates you, what are your natural interests?
- Think and talk about what you do well and what you are enthusiastic about.
Clue – what do people compliment you on? *Powerpoint*.

If follow this you’ll have some insight into your gifts and also the areas where you are enthused and motivated. Next week another layer in the process, personality.