

Week #1

What is the biblical focus of spiritual gifts?

**Opening Discussion:**

What questions do you hope we might address in our time over the next few weeks?

My Anticipated Direction

**Letting scripture lead our focus:**

1 Corinthians 12-14

Context:

Content summary:

Romans 12:1-21

Context:

Content summary:

Ephesians 4:1-16

Context:

Content summary:

1 Peter 4:7-11

Context:

Content summary:

Word Cloud:

The Venn Diagram of Biblical Focus

Based on the biblical focus on spiritual gifts how would you describe how we are meant to think about spiritual gifts?

How can our approach to spiritual gifts become something negative or harmful to the church?

### **Biblical Explanations of Purpose:**

1 Corinthians 12:7

[7] To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit **for the common good.** (ESV)

Ephesians 4:11–16

[11] And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, [12] to equip the saints for the work of ministry, **for building up the body of Christ,** [13] until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, [14] so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. [15] Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, [16] from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, **when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.** (ESV)

1 Peter 4:10

[10] **As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:** (ESV)

What are the practical implications of this for you and me as individuals living within the community of the church?