



## Week 5 Message-Based Curriculum

### Opening

- Welcome everyone and pray, inviting the Holy Spirit to lead your time today.
- Set up the conversation: Our identity is not self-created; it's received. Together, we are the body of Christ – gifted by the Spirit to build up the church and join Jesus on mission.

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### Discussion Questions

#### CONNECT

- What's something you're naturally good at that brings you joy? (It can be serious or silly). Have you always enjoyed it or is it a recent discovery?

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#### DISCOVER

##### **Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 together:**

- What repeated words/ideas stand out in vv. 4-7? What do they teach us about *who* the giver is and *why* gifts are given?
- Share a time someone's gift helped you. How did you encounter God through that interaction?
- How does Paul protect us from making our *gift* our *identity*? What happens in churches when we confuse the two?
- What does it practically look like for many diverse members to operate as "one body" today in our church? What if we don't?

##### **Read Matthew 5:14-16 together:**

- Where might we be tempted to keep the light under a lampshade? What would it look like for our gifts to shine beyond Sunday into everyday life?
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### APPLY

- Take this time to discuss the Spiritual Gifts assessment at [gifts.gethope.net](https://gifts.gethope.net).
  1. If you or anyone in your group has taken it already, discuss what you found.
  2. If not, encourage everyone to take it. If you have 30ish minutes in your group time, you can even take it now if you'd like.

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### RESPOND

- **Quiet Prayer:** “Holy Spirit, how have you gifted me, and how do you want to use me for Your service?” Sit in silence for 60–90 seconds, then share any nudges.

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### GROUP PRAYER

- **Unity:** Thank God for uniting us into one body by one Spirit.
- **Common Good:** Ask the Holy Spirit to use your group for the common good of the church.
- **Courage:** Pray for the courage to let your light shine - beyond gatherings and into our world.

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### CLOSING

This Sunday, we are celebrating 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday! It's going to be a “family takeover” service where we celebrate all the members of the body of Christ, young and old!