

ROMANS

THE PRACTICE OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS



SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

ROMANS 12:3-8

JUNE 7, 2015

TAKEAWAYS

Write out your one-sentence takeaways. Consider writing these on a notecard and putting it on your mirror, desk, or car dashboard.

What to remember:

What to put off/put on:

What to share with someone:

NEXT STEPS

Here are some possible next steps to walk in this truth this week.

- Spend some time reading through and processing the handout Pastor Mark referenced on determining how you might serve.
- Pray for wisdom on how to get plugged in and then reach out to a ministry leader at College Park to ask how you can serve.
- If you're not a member, sign up for the July 25 membership class at yourchurch.com/membership.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

For those wanting to study some of the key ideas in more detail here are some cross-references and resources.

- **Spiritual gifts:** 1 Cor. 12:7-10, 28; Eph. 4:7-13; 1 Peter 4:10-11.
- **Humility:** Rom. 12:16; Phil. 2:3-10; Eph. 4:2.
- **Unity:** John 17:11; Phil. 2:1-3; Eph. 4:3-6, 13; Col. 2:19.
- **Members/Body:** 1 Cor. 12:12-31; Eph. 4:15-16, 25; Col. 2:19.

APPLICATION & DISCUSSION

These questions focus on the sermon text and message. We've highlighted key ones but use however many your group needs.

Review: Were there any ways last week's words of "I'm yours," "Change me," and "Lead me" helped you walk in Christ this week?

1. How does the gospel of grace and a right knowledge of God help us be humble but also not lead us to disparage ourselves?
- 2. How might greater humility towards ourselves and then greater dependence on and esteem of others strengthen unity and dependence in the Church?**
3. What are some ways you've been helped by others in the Church and seen your need for them? How might being aware of our weaknesses and the gifts of others be healthy?
- 4. Why is it important to understand the Church as both being part of "one body in Christ" as well as "members of one another?" What are ways to better see and live as "members of one another?"**
- 5. What do you think your spiritual gifts might be? What are experiences, gifts, or skills you've seen God use to build up others? How has seeing God use the gifts He's given you to help others encouraged or stretched you?**
- 6. What are some reasons you've given for not serving or getting more involved? What steps can others encourage you to take so that you're serving in the Church rather than only consuming from the Church?**

HOW TO PRAY

Pray over the praises and requests of those around you but here are some additional ways to pray into our passage this week.

- Confess any ways you've thought too highly of yourself or too low of others.
- Thank God for giving the Church to build us up.
- Praise God for the gifts and experiences He's given you so you can serve others.
- Pray for God to use you to care for others and to have wisdom on how you can serve the Church.
- Ask God to keep College Park unified in the midst of diversity.

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