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Overview

Every believer is uniquely gifted to serve and contribute to the Church's mission of gospel saturation. This session emphasizes the importance of using our spiritual gifts, practicing stewardship, and engaging in Christlike community. By serving in the Church and fostering meaningful relationships, we align our lives with God's purposes and actively participate in building His Kingdom. Together, we find our place in the life and mission of The Chapel.

Opening Questions

Take a moment to reflect on this past week and today's theme and discuss the following questions with those around you:

What did you learn last week? What did you learn through this week's practice and reflection activities?

How has being part of a church or small group impacted your faith journey so far? If you've never been part of a small group, what's held you back from joining one?

What unique gifts, skills, or passions do you feel God has given you to serve others?



Teaching

Section 1: God Given Gifts

The Church exists to glorify God by making disciples who love God, love the Church, and love the world. Every believer has been uniquely equipped with spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit to serve the Church and fulfill this mission. These gifts are intentionally given to build up the body of Christ, glorify God, and share His love with the world.

Key points:

- The Church is the body of Christ, called to equip believers for works of service and to build unity and maturity in faith (Ephesians 4:12-13).
- Spiritual gifts are empowered by the Holy Spirit for the common good, as outlined in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Romans 12:6-8, and Ephesians 4:11-13.
- Discovering your gifts involves prayer, reflection, input from others, experimentation with serving, and tools like spiritual gifts assessments.
- Examples of spiritual gifts include teaching, serving, encouragement, leadership, and generosity, all contributing to the Church's mission.
- Using your gifts strengthens the Church, glorifies God, and allows you to experience joy as part of His mission.

What gifts or passions has God given you?

How might He be calling you to use them here at The Chapel?

Section 2: Connecting to our Church

Being part of The Chapel means more than attending services—it's about connection and community. Whether through serving, joining a community group, or participating in support groups, there are many ways to find your place and live out your faith. Connection is foundational to growing in Christ and contributing to the mission of ensuring every man, woman, and child has repeated opportunities to hear and see the Gospel.

Key points:

- **Serving Opportunities:** Engage in ministries like Kids/Students, Hospitality, Worship, Production, and care-focused teams like the Donation Hub, Go Team, or Congregational Care to live out your faith.
- **Community Groups:** Small gatherings for Bible discussion, prayer, life-sharing, and serving together, fostering encouragement, accountability, and Christlike relationships.
- **Support Groups & Counseling:** For those needing focused discipleship or healing, free biblical counseling and support groups are available as gospel-centered communities.
- **Spiritual Growth through Connection:** Serving and participating in groups helps build relationships, use spiritual gifts, and experience personal and spiritual growth.
- **Next Steps:** Visit the website, use the church center app, or talk to campus staff to explore groups and service opportunities. There's a place for everyone to belong and grow.

How could being part of a community group help you grow spiritually and connect more deeply with others?

What is your next step to join a gospel-centered community?



Section 3: Living out our Faith Through Generosity

Stewardship is the biblical responsibility of managing everything we have—time, talents, and resources—as gifts from God, to be used for His glory and purposes. It's a lifestyle of trust, gratitude, and worship, aligning our lives with God's mission and investing in His kingdom. At The Chapel, stewardship includes financial giving, serving with our talents, and offering our time to advance the Gospel and make an eternal difference.

Key points:

- Everything we have belongs to God, and we are called to manage it faithfully for His purposes (Psalm 24:1).
- Giving reflects gratitude, trust in God's provision, and joy as an act of worship (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- Practical options to give include text-to-give, in-person giving, Church Center app, or recurring gifts through the website.
- Stewardship also includes offering time (volunteering in ministries) and talents (using skills to serve others).
- Giving supports ministries like Chapel Kids, Chapel Students, Kingdom Come partnerships, impacts and fuels local, national and global partners, and supports church-wide resources to grow disciples and share the Gospel.
- Prayerfully consider how to use your time, talents, and resources as faithful stewards, aligning your life with God's mission.

What does stewardship look like in your life right now?

Are there areas where God is inviting you to trust Him more and give generously?

Write down one specific way you can practice stewardship this week, whether through giving financially, serving, or meeting a need in your community.





Section 4: Church Conduct

At The Chapel, membership is a commitment to living in a way that reflects Christ and fosters a healthy, holy Church community. Members are called to pursue personal holiness, unity, and love, recognizing that our conduct affects our relationship with God and the health of the Church. Unity, even amid disagreement, is central to our shared mission, keeping Christ and the Gospel at the center of our relationships.

Key points:

- Members are encouraged to pursue holiness, which includes growth in spiritual disciplines and living out the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
- Jesus prayed for unity (John 17:20-21), and members are called to prioritize Gospel-centered relationships, avoiding divisions over secondary issues.
- Unity doesn't mean uniformity; it means keeping Christ at the center, even when opinions differ.
- Our unity is a testimony to the love and truth of Jesus, demonstrating the transformative power of the Gospel.

Are there areas where you've allowed differences to create division? How can you contribute to unity in the Church this week?

Pursuing holiness

As members of The Chapel, we are called to pursue holiness and love, reflecting Christ's character in every aspect of our lives. Holiness is a continual journey of growing in Christlikeness, while love is the defining mark of a Christ-centered community. Restorative church discipline underscores the Church's commitment to accountability, care, and restoration, ensuring that sin is addressed in humility and love for the health of the individual and the Church body.

Key points:

- Holiness:
 - » Holiness involves every aspect of life, from thoughts to actions, as we strive to reflect Christ (Titus 2:11-14).
 - » Biblical calls to holiness include unity (Romans 14-15), diligence (1 & 2 Thessalonians), and family relationships (Ephesians 5:22-6:4).
 - » Holiness is not about perfection but about progress, as the Holy Spirit transforms us.
- Loving One Another:
 - » Love is both a command and an identifying marker of the Church (John 13:34-35).
 - » Biblical love is patient, kind, and selfless, as described in 1 Corinthians 13.
 - » "One another" commands in Scripture, such as encouraging (1 Thessalonians 5:11) and forgiving (Colossians 3:13), guide how we live out love within
 - » the Church.



Teaching Notes

As you watch the video, use this page to take notes.

Next Step

This week, take a next step to belonging at The Chapel.

As you reflect on your God-given gifts and passions, where can you joyfully serve in this season? Begin the process to serve at The Chapel.

Visit thechapel.com/serve and fill out the service interest form.

Practice and Reflection

This week, take some time to practice what you've learned and to spend time in reflection.

Daily Reading & Prayer Plan

Each day includes a short passage from Scripture, a reflection question to help engage with the text, and prayer prompt. As you prepare to engage the Scripture daily, consider the following steps:

- 1. Read** - read the passage slowly - consider reading it 2-3 times, and reading it out loud at least once
- 2. Observe** - ask questions of the text. Who wrote this text? Who are they writing to? What's happening? Where is this happening? When? Write down your observations.
- 3. Interpret** - based off the observations you just made, what is the intended meaning of this text?
- 4. Apply** - consider how you should respond to what you've read. Answer the reflection prompt provided if that's helpful
- 5. Pray** - thank God for what He's shown you, and pray to faithfully live it out. Use the provided prayer prompts to guide you.



Day 1: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- Reflection Question: What role has God given you within the body of Christ, and how can you use your gifts to serve others this week?
- Prayer: God, thank you for making me a valuable part of your body. Please give me guidance in using the gifts you've given me to serve and encourage others.

Day 2: Ephesians 4:1-16

- Reflection Question: How can you contribute to unity and growth within the church or your community this week?
- Prayer: God, give me humility, patience, and love as I interact with others in the body of Christ. Help me to use my gifts to build up the church and to strengthen the unity of your people.

Day 3: 1 John 3:1-18

- Reflection Question: How can you demonstrate God's love in a practical way to someone in need this week?
- Prayer: God, thank you for your love and for calling me your child. I pray for a heart that overflows with your love and for opportunities to show your love through my actions and words.

Day 4: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- Reflection Question: How can you practice cheerful generosity in your life this week, and how might it reflect God's grace to those around you?
- Prayer: God, thank you for your abundant provision in my life. Give me a generous heart that gives cheerfully and for my giving to glorify you and bless others.

Day 5: Luke 10:25-37

- Reflection Question: Who is someone in your life that you can show mercy and kindness to this week, and how can you take action?
- Prayer: God, give me a heart of compassion and the courage to love others selflessly. I pray for opportunities to be a good neighbor and to reflect your love to others.

Day 6: 1 Peter 4:1-11

- Reflection Question: What are your God-given gifts? How does God want to use your gifting to bring glory to Him?
- Prayer: God, I pray for strength to live for your will and not my own desires. Show me how to use my gifts to serve others and glorify you in everything I do.



Day 7: Romans 12:1-21

- Reflection Question: In what area of your life is God inviting you to live as a “living sacrifice”?
- Prayer: God, transform my mind and guide me in living a life of worship. I pray for strength to love others sincerely and to respond to challenges with goodness and grace.

