

Fivefold Ministry Worksheet

Session 4 – Developing our Grace Gifts – Part One

Leaders: Please encourage your group to revisit Ben’s talk from Sunday. You might like to watch the talk together on the evening; whether before or on the evening please ask your group to note down the key themes that they notice. I’ve included a summary to help remind your group on the evening.

The link for Sunday: God, Our Champion, is Able – Part 1 - Ben Lillie

<https://bridgechurchuk.org/sermons/?playlist=42886bf&video=d77bb12>

Opening

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II Corinthians 9: 6 – 8

On Sunday this week Ben Lillie continued our series, “God is Able”. Looking at the verses in II Corinthians 9: 6 – 8, we see a breakdown of Wisdom, Instruction, Provision and Action.

We are reminded that when we sow from the things of the flesh, we will reap only what the flesh can offer which is always limited. But when we sow in the spirit, we reap eternally. We are called to sow with everything we have for God. Our time, love, finances, prayers and gifts (grace gifts), remembering that these have all first been given to us by God.

The instruction is to give cheerfully what we believe God has placed on our hearts to give. We can do this confidently because we serve God who is able to bless us and provides us with all that we need. He does this so that we are able to abound in every good work, sharing the love of God with others and giving as freely as we have received.

Activity: Session 4: – Developing our Grace Gifts – Part One

This week we will use our understanding of the scripture from Ben’s talk, alongside our knowledge of our Grace Gifts, to investigate what happens within us during our normal weeks when we’re out in the world and rubbing up against the world.

There might be many questions and vulnerabilities when we consider a heavenly role within earthly circumstances. The first thing to say is to be kind to yourself, don’t doubt God’s provision if things seem to go wrong. The bible encourages us be in the position of being “*in the world not of the world*”. (John 15:19) This is God’s word so we can be confident that He will equip us for all circumstances, but getting used to using all that is available is likely to take a little time and practice – so listening to Holy Spirit and giving space for his guidance takes an openness and some practice if

you are starting your journey. Encourage each other in your groups to press into the Godhead and look for Heaven's outcomes in all circumstances.

1. Take a few moments to reflect on your week and, with a faith perspective, consider what went well and what was challenging?
 - a. Share together and encourage each other.
2. Thinking around any challenging events/conversations/situations you've encountered. If these were to be repeated, would you now approach the issues/incidents differently? Perhaps consider how you might operate in a more heaven centric way to engage more of your heavenly resources.
 - a. Share together and encourage each other – how might each of you have engaged with Heaven in the examples shared; share different thoughts and ideas– invite the Holy Spirit to be part of the conversation – share words and pictures then pray together for a supernatural boldness to use our gifts more in the world.
3. Spend some time together as a group in worship – perhaps use Psalm 100:4-5
 - a. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever, his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Closing

How are group members feeling after this look at our weeks. Do people feel confident to try out more of the gifts and Heaven's power they carry– encourage group members to think about their own gifts and the people and places they experience during the week.

1. Celebrate what you have discussed and have a time of prayer together. Do thank our Heavenly Father for any words, pictures and the insights you've had together. Also include.
 - Themes from this evening can be lifted in prayer.
 - If excited, then let God know.
 - If reassurance needed, then seek God's grace and peace in people's hearts.
 - Other prayer needs in the room.

Leaders, please provide feedback from your session 4 to us by dropping an email to:

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How did the session go? Any training needs identified?

Significant points raised?

Are group members seeing a place for themselves in this?

Areas that need further/future support/clarification?

Thanks

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