

Fivefold Ministry Worksheet

Session 5 – Developing our Grace Gifts – Part Two

This is the last of this current series; please ask your group if there are aspects of the fivefold ministry they would like to explore further – for example, some might wish to understand and experience more around prophesy or evangelism. Some might wish to experience more around apostolic or pastoral ministry others might like to press into teaching. Please let us know – thanks.

Leaders: Please encourage your group to revisit:

- The Holy Spirit Study (Home Group resources on website)
- Our King is Able (Part One – Lucie Worth)

In the Holy Spirit study, session 1, Sam Beazley reminds us that we are called to live a supernatural life in a natural world (John 14:16). Consider living without breathing or only breathing when it suited us to – quite a crazy thought as not breathing for any period would result in our earthly demise. How much so do we engage in our own spiritual death when we choose not to live with the Holy Spirit, the third part of the Trinity and our direct line to Heaven! Holy Spirit is a key part of us living a supernatural life in a natural world – perhaps play the song “This is the air I breathe”. Perhaps play it and contemplate on the lyrics in a short time of reflection. (link attached)

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In the sermon series Our King is Able, Lucie reminded us that experiencing the miraculous is often only possible when we walk through the furnace, that it is God’s presence with us that gives the basis for the miracle. In the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego their faithfulness allowed God to walk in the fiery furnace with them and give testimony to the King by what he saw – and a nation came back to faith. If we consider the position of Prophets, Priests, and Kings – nations were only fruitful when the King followed God. Ask your group in what parts of their lives they are King? (This is to get people thinking about where they carry influence in their daily lives and what greater kingdom difference they might see by using their fivefold ministry grace gifts).

In the Holy Spirit study, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is our comforter – that he doesn’t parachute us out of life, but rather is with us in life!

Now to the second part of developing our Fivefold Ministry Grace Gifts:

Opening

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Over the previous sessions we have looked at:

- Our church – who we are called to be as church – what we are currently doing as church – a little of where God is calling us to be in our church journey.
- Some sense of where we can strengthen the church body.
- Who we are as individuals – our part in this journey – discovering more of our supernatural identity and how God has gifted us uniquely with our own unique mix of Fivefold Ministry Grace gifts.
- How the gifts work together – the different roles and talents that each brings – things to watch out if out of balance.
- Beginning to develop our grace gifts in the world.

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So how do we know if we are making progress with our grace gifts – the world loves to measure stuff; to plot progress or the lack of it, so how might we consider our faithfulness and fruitfulness as we are seeking to move forward in both our corporate (church) vision and calling and our personal calling into His plans and purposes for us.

I think it's important to remember that in equipping us, God plays a part, and we are needed to play a part. We can't do God's part, and God won't do ours. Our job is to plant and water; God's part is to cause growth (1 Cor 3:6).

Therefore, we can look at faith goals as being goals that we are unable to do on our own – they require both God's intervention and for us to play our part, **using** the gifts that He has equipped us with. Much like the body needs lungs and air to breathe along with the process of breathing; our faith goals need our grace gifts and the Holy Spirit along with the process of our willingness to use these gifts as a natural part of our faith (supernatural) life.

Now this exercise will look familiar – we used it last time. We should now be in a place where we can be asking of ourselves and each other:

- Lord, how can I (we) go deeper with the gifts you have blessed me with?
- Lord how might these gifts bear fruit for you and your kingdom?
- Lord show me my (our) part and show me your part so we can work well together – and get better!

So, please have another round of these discussions.

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 relying more on the Holy Spirit to be involved – are there short prayers you might have used or perhaps on reflection a heavenly principle now comes to mind - perhaps the fruits of the spirit may unlock a challenging conversation or 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 in the world? Are people feel more confident with their fivefold ministry grace gifts – 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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