



Week 4:

I'm Just a Lay Person

*Ephesians 4:11-14,
Romans 12:1-8*



OPEN

This is the fourth week in our series called "Unfit." In this series, we are looking at how God continues to invite unlikely, undeserving, and UNFIT people to play a part in what He is doing in this world. **As you trace God's story throughout the Scriptures, you meet a long list of broken and imperfect people whom God includes in His perfect plan.** God could have told His story in any way but chose broken people who he redeemed to share His message of redemption to the world. God doesn't just include "professionals" but all believers in his plan. To be a Christian means to be a functioning member of Christ's body, organically connected to every other part of the body and taking orders from the head (Jesus). In this way we worship as we are intended to while growing joyfully in love.



READ

- **Divide into 3 groups, 1 per passage: Ephesians 4:11-23; Romans 12:1-8; 1 Cor 12:4-11, 28**
 - What list of gifts or offices does your passage include. Make a list.
 - What does your passage teach you about spiritual gifts? What is their purpose and how are they to be used?
- A good way to think about your gifts is how does Jesus make himself most known through you to others?
 - Go around the circle and have group members share how they see Jesus through each group member.
 - Are there any themes in what they say or do that aligns with any spiritual gifts in the list you identified earlier?

Check out the link for a full list of spiritual gifts and their descriptions:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/spiritual-gifts-list.html>



REFLECT

Often spiritual gifts are discovered while serving Jesus in ministry and seeing the fruit of how he is made known to others through you.

- What spiritual gifts have you discovered while serving Jesus? How has this built your faith and dependence on the Holy Spirit?
- Have you ever sensed the Holy Spirit prompting you to make Jesus known to someone but didn't take the opportunity? What happened?
- Look back at the texts you examined earlier. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? How can we see if they are being used to build up instead of tear down? What attitude is essential for us to use these gifts for God's purpose instead of our own?
- **Read John 13:1-5**
 - How does this passage shed light on how followers of Jesus are to serve others?
 - What about serving like Jesus is challenging to you?
 - How does serving like Jesus build your own faith?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13,25.** The body of Christ was created to be interdependent community that reflects Jesus to others both inside and outside the church.
 - What does interdependence look like in a Christian community?
 - What would that look like at Wellspring?
 - How can you begin using your spiritual gifts to reflect Jesus and serve others? What could be hindering you from doing this?



PRAY

- How can you encourage each other to serve through your spiritual gifts? Pray courage and boldness for each other to do this.
- What is one way you could begin using your spiritual gift(s) more? Pray for opportunities to do that this week.
- Please continue to pray for the Board of Elders, Staff, and leaders as we discern the the Holy Spirit's leading during this time of transition.