

# Week 05



## CONNECT

**Ask: When is your next opportunity to give a gift (i.e. bday, anniversary, etc.)? Who will you be giving the gift to?**

## LEARN & REVIEW

Watch this short video: <https://youtu.be/b65QoOV0KLU>

We are gifted to BUILD up the BODY.

God in His perfect wisdom distributes the gifts as He sees fit that we might MATURE.

## DISCUSS

1. **Read Matthew 25:14-30.** It doesn't matter how many gifts you've been given; it matters what you do with them. **What are you doing with your talents?**
2. **Read Col 3:23-24.** **What's your biggest obstacle to serving (aka using your gifts) wholeheartedly?**

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24.*

3. **Eric Liddell famously said, "God made me fast, and when I run I feel his pleasure." Drawing from your GPS profile, how would you personalize his quote?**

God made me \_\_\_\_\_ (GPS profile) and  
when I \_\_\_\_\_ (gift/passion) I feel his pleasure.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *S.H.A.P.E.: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life* by Erik Reese, 154.

**4. Read Phil 2:3-7. Have self-interests prevented you from joyful Kingdom ministry in any way?**

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

*Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.*

**5. Nathan Williams mentioned the “Got-to vs. Get-to” attitude options in our serving.<sup>2</sup> “Got-to” can feel like joyless duty while “Get-to” is rooted in a joyful response to God’s grace. Which of the two attitudes--Got-to or Get-to--do you have right now?**

**6. It’s time for action. What are you going to do with all this material? What ministry are you going to “test drive”?** \_\_\_\_\_

>> Fill out this short GPS Serve form online: <https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/130380>

- **If you are already in an area of Kingdom ministry that you love, WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO SERVE WITH YOU???** \_\_\_\_\_

**7. What do you need in order to continue and take the next step? What hesitancy still exists and how might we overcome it?**

**8. Are there areas of your gifting that you need to develop? How will you keep growing in your gifts? Have you ever been intentionally coached in your gifting? Who could help you develop your gifts?**

## **WANT MORE?**

Check out this well-balanced and thought-provoking roundtable discussion exploring the theological camps of cessation and continuation. <https://youtu.be/bg25e5fojrc>

## **PRAY**

Ask for the Spirit’s guidance as we continue the discernment process of our gifts and passions. Pray for one another to trust God’s wisdom and purpose for how he has gifted and called each one. Pray for our congregation’s spiritual fitness through the way we steward these gifts.

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<sup>2</sup> Sermon preached at St. John’s on Oct 17, 2021.