

GNCOMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

SERMON SERIES: "GIFTED"

SERMON TITLE: "THE GIVER"

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◆ **Facilitator NOTE:** AS YOU PREPARE AHEAD OF TIME, LOOK THROUGH THE PASSAGES/QUESTIONS BELOW TO HELP YOURSELF PRIORITIZE THE THINGS THAT YOU DEFINITELY WANT TO COVER WITH THE TIME YOU HAVE AVAILABLE. YOU LIKELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER ALL THIS MATERIAL. TRY TO KEEP THE STUDIES TO AROUND AN HOUR FOR THE KIDS/KIDS-HELPERS SAKE.

•✎ SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

"The giver of life has designed each of us with unique gifts, but there is one gift that unlocks our purpose to use them all for His glory."

(use the questions you want to use, ignore the ones you don't want to use, and add any that you think would be good)

WARM UP QUESTIONS:

- ☞ If I said, "God gives everyone gifts"...how would you define the word "gifts"?
- ☞ Do you believe that God has created everyone with a purpose and with gifts?
- ☞ Can you think of someone who is very gifted, but does not use those gifts for the glory of God? What if they did use them for the glory of God?
- ☞ How much of what you have (talent, health, knowledge, money, etc) came from God? How much of those same things were given to you to glorify God?
- ☞ What would happen if every follower of Jesus around the world used their "gifts" for God's glory?
- ☞ Who is more generous (overall): Christians or Unbelievers? Why do you think this is?

DIVE IN DEEPER:

Ephesians 2:8-10 — "8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

☞ How would you define "Grace"? (leader hint: gift/undeserving)

☞ What does verse **10** mean to you and your walk with God?

John 14:27 — “**27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

 What pops out to you concerning verse **27**?

 How would you describe the difference between how the world gives and how God gives?

Luke 11:9-13— “**9** “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13** If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

 What keeps you from asking, seeking, and knocking?

 Do you believe that God is eager and desirous to unlock the God-given potential in our lives?

 What does Jesus say (in verse **13**) is the #1 gift that we all need to help us unlock and unleash all of our unique gifts?

TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU “TAKEAWAY”:

 Are you currently using your God-given gifts to live out His eternal plan, design, and will for your life?

 Close in prayer.

MATCHING THEME IDEAS FOR THE KID'S LESSON:

- I'd encourage a worship time if possible (youtube works great {Lifetree Kids}).
- Ask them if they have any things in their life that they need Jesus' help with, and then pray for the requests of the group.
- And feel free to ask any of the kids if they'd like to say a prayer for the group.

▶ Read **Ephesians 2:10** - "10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ask the kiddos questions like:

- Who made us?
- Did God make us with a purpose? What is it?
- Who gives us our talents, abilities, and all the things we need for this life?
- What in our life is meant to be used for God's glory and purposes?

Activity Ideas:

- 📌 Have the kids draw a picture of themselves, but have them draw themselves as a super hero who has been given gifts and abilities by God to help others.