

Helping Myself by Helping Others

Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Can you think of a time that you received a certain degree of satisfaction in helping another person? Share your story with the group. Why do you think you felt satisfied?
3. It is easy to think that everyone should be like us. What happens when we try to force others to be like us?
4. Read Romans 12:4-5. The passage speaks about how God has created the local church to be diverse yet unified. How do these verses illustrate how that should work?
5. One of the core values of Living Hope is the emphasis upon ministry, the need to be involved in each other's lives. In your experience what are some barriers that keep us from getting involved?
6. Read Hebrews 12:6. We can take credit for what we do for Jesus, but what is the real source of our gifts?
7. How should the statement **"Grace is only experienced as my gift is used!"** encourage me to get involved in the lives of others?
8. Pastor reviewed the seven gifts listed in this passage. Was there one gift that you identified? How could it be utilized to help the church?
9. It is easy to view some gifts as more important than others. What happens when we allow this way of thinking to take hold in our minds?
10. Pastor shared that we are not exempt from performing many of the tasks represented in this list of gifts. What are your thoughts?

Digging Deeper

11. Ask God to help you engage in opportunities to minister to someone in your life this week.

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I Need to Let God _____

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

Romans 12:4-5 ESV

Living Hope is a Team and You are a Starting Player!

Function: which has the basic meaning of a doing of something, that is, a deed. It later came to connote something that was ordinarily done or practiced, a normal function.

How God Wants to Use Me to _____

“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Romans 12:6–8 ESV

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

1 Corinthians 12:7 ESV

Every Christian is responsible for actions consistent with these gifts but each person has a specialty in which they divinely excel!

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Romans 12:6 ESV

“Grace is only experienced by others as my gift is used!”

Prophecy:

Serving:

Teaching:

Exhortation:

Contributing:

Leadership:

Mercy: