

## **Love by Serving** **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. If you had to pick a favorite super hero or could be a super hero, which one would you pick? Share the reasons behind your choice.
3. What are some similarities and differences between a super hero and a Christian that uses their spiritual gifting?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7. Each believer receives at least one spiritual gift at salvation. What are the benefits of me utilizing this "empowering" of God in my life?
5. Pastor shared two Key truths about Spiritual Gifts. Why is it important for you to understand that God is the one who assigned your spiritual gift(s)?
6. What might be some barriers to me implementing the "Three Ways to Discover My Gifting" mentioned by Pastor?
7. Read Titus 3:14 and 1 Peter 2:12. Paul emphasizes the need for believers to be involved in the lives of each other. What are some insights gleaned from these verses?
8. We often think of Christianity as something that we do on our own. Why is it imperative that we understand that we are part or a team? (Romans 12:4-5)
9. The phrase "gift of God's grace" in Ephesians 3:7-10 can refer to salvation but also spiritual gifts and ministry. What insights can we glean from Paul's testimony in these verses?
10. Why did God give you to our church?

### **Digging Deeper**

11. Take the steps this week to "Experiment in serving" if you are not already involved.

## **Love by Serving** **Series: I Love My Church** *Sunday April 10, 2016*

### **Who is your favorite Super Hero?**

### **I Have Superpowers**

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-7 ESV*

### **Two Key Truths About Spiritual Gifts.**

#### **1. God is the one who picked my spiritual gift.**

*"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:"*

*Romans 12:6a ESV*

#### **2. It is a Spirit-empowered Gift.**

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-7 ESV*

### **Three Ways to Discover My Gifting**

#### **1. Experiment in serving**

#### **2. Try out a ministry for a month or two**

#### **3. Ask others**

## **I Have a Superpower Team**

*“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 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. 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 12:3–8 ESV*

### **My Gift was given for others!**

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*1 Corinthians 12:4–7 ESV*

*“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:”*  
*Romans 12:6a ESV*

**You are part of a superpower team.  
But remember ... to just have power isn't what makes  
a hero. There has to be action.**

## **Our Superpower Team Serves a Community in Need**

*“Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”*  
*Ephesians 3:7–10 ESV*

### **Why did God give you to our church?**

#### **Don't be an unopened gift!**

- 1. Discover My God empowered gift.**
- 2. Be the gift that you are—serve this church and this community.**
- 3. Be a hero for Jesus.**