



Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

From Romans 12 my challenge for this week is:



More Resources for personal and group use:

Websites:

www.westwoodchurch.bc.ca (Jan 26, Feb 2, 2014)



Gifts discovery process:

<http://www.chazown.com/>



Book: **Unfinished**, by Richard Stearns

A little about Westwood Church...

We believe that God changes lives!

That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



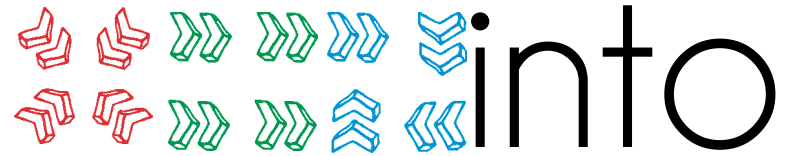
GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



GO

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world



into LIFE

Study guide

BRINGING JESUS INTO LIFE

SPIRITUAL GIFTS



Romans 12:1-21

For Individuals and Life Groups

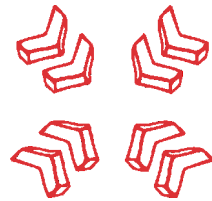
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Introduction:

As a church we believe that “Bringing Jesus Into Life” (More than just a fancy slogan) is meant to point us to a life of total transformation. Spiritual gifts are a critical part of that transformation. Spiritual gifts are God-given ministry abilities that result in effective service for the purposes of God, they are part of our spiritual birth and they are diverse. As we work through this series ask God through his word, Spirit, and the input of others surface the ways in which you have been gifted for service.

Discussion: What comes to your mind when someone says Spiritual Gifts?

Into the scriptures



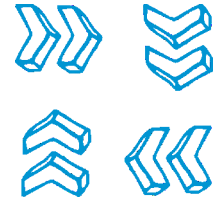
Read: Romans 12:1-21

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What name does Paul give to our response to God's mercy? What does verse 1 teach us about what true worship is? What is it not?

Romans 12:1 sets the tone for this entire passage. Work through the passage and list the ways in which we are called to “offer our bodies as a living sacrifice.

Into my life

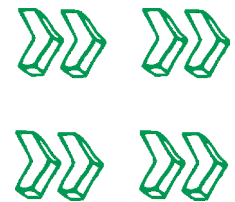


How do you see Paul's teaching regarding grace gifts being related to “Spiritual worship”?

Paul has an expectation that this lifestyle of worship will transform our relationships. What do verses 9-21 reveal about these relationships: With God, others in the church, others outside the church and our enemies?

What is the most challenging practical implication of this passage for you?

Into the world



It isn't unusual to find an attitude in the church that the church is here to serve and fulfill me. What needs to change in your attitude and thinking regarding the church? How are you using your gifts to serve in the church and world? Spend time praying together as a group about this.