



“You are Gifted for Work”

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1 Peter 4:7-11

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The sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. These are ideas to help get the conversation started, so feel free to use whatever is most helpful!

Outline

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11 and review the main points of the sermon below:

I. As a follower of Jesus, you possess more than your gene pool

- A. God is the ultimate source of your talent
- B. God is specifically the source of your gifts

II. Your gifts are designed by God to accomplish ultimate good in your life and the lives of others

III. When you trust Jesus with more than your eternity....everything changes...

You are designed and gifted for:

- A. More than consuming
- B. More than the mid-life crisis of wondering “Does my work matter?”
- C. More by being set free with God’s gifts, working in God’s hands at whatever you do to shine for His glory

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. What’s the worse job you’ve ever had?
- B. What’s something you’re definitely NOT gifted to do?
- C. How have you struggled to understand what the Bible says about gifts?

II. Application Questions

- A. How can you be tempted to define success (\$, status, years to retirement, etc)?
- B. How does pride affect the way you see and use your gifts?
- C. How is your work different if your focus is not being a consumer, but as serving others?
- D. What does it look like to “be set free” to use your gifts for His glory?

III. Gospel Connection – It always comes back to Jesus!

Trusting Jesus with more than just eternity, His grace changes the way we see our gifts

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. What would help you to understand how God has gifted you—that you are His workmanship?
- B. What gift do you need to ask the Lord for wisdom to develop and use for His glory?