

## **5 Minute Questionnaire**

Break people into 5 groups based on their dominant gifting

- Read Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16
- The gifts of Jesus were given to mankind (v8) “He gave”
- He gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers(v11) “He Himself gave”

### **He gave these gifts for 4 reasons:**

- 1) Equip the saints for works of ministry (v12)
- 2) Build up the body of Christ (v12)
- 3) Mature believers: unity of faith (core beliefs), knowing Jesus (relationship), and lifelong commitment to spiritual growth (13-15)
- 4) The Body Grows itself: proper understanding and function of each one as they serve in their role

## **Developing the Gifts of Jesus – the Process from the Call to being Sent**

- As a believer, I do the work of the ministry
- As an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, or teacher, I equip you to do works of ministry
- These 5 gifts come from Jesus – the gifts of the Holy Spirit work in harmony with the gifts of Jesus (27+)
- Some ask, “Why do I need a pastor?” Ask because there are bad, abusive, lord it over you pastors
- We need leaders, but we don’t need lords – All gifts need to develop skill in their gift – All can be immature
- Leaders don’t lord, they lead you to a healthy understanding of God’s Word, teach you how to hear the Holy Spirit and make godly decisions
- Is there a process between being called and being sent?
- “I have a call on my life” – have you gone through the process to have the authority to function in your call

### **4 Examples of the Process of being Called and being Sent**

- Jesus: Hebrews 5:8, “Even though he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.”
- Abraham: Called at 75, sent when he was 100 – at 86 he was tempted to produce the call in the flesh
- Moses: Called at birth, sent when he was 80 – at 40 he decided to produce the call in the flesh
- Paul: Called in Acts 9, sent in Acts 13 (14 years later) – He developed 3 things in those 14 years

## **3 Things You Need to Develop to Fulfill the Call**

1. Relationship: Acts 9:1-9 (Paul is called) – Acts 9:15-19 – Acts 9:26 (relationship)
  - You minister during the process because you’re saints and all saints are ministers
  - Society hires for a position, gives authority, and hopes for responsibility and trust, relationship
  - Church: relationship, learn to trust or not, give responsibility, give position, God gives authority

## “The Gifts of Jesus”

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2) Stewardship – Acts 11:27

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### Developing the Gifts of Jesus

There are more than 12 apostles – Luke 9:1, “He called ... He sent ...”

Apostolos (a person sent with a message) – Apostelo (verb) “sent” – Luke 9:10 appointed 70 others

Are you a sent one – educators, medical field, construction, engineers, neighborhood, prisons, fatherless

Is there a process between being called and being sent?

Even Jesus went through a process for 30 years – He was “learning obedience”

People say: “I have a call on my life” – have you gone through the process to have the authority to function in your call?

Abraham was called at 75 but wasn’t sent until he was 100 –

The temptation between the call and the send is to produce the call in the flesh (age 86)

Moses was called to be a deliverer at birth, but he wasn’t sent until 80 – at 40 he decided to produce the call in the flesh

God sent him to a desert for 40 years to herd sheep, then God sends him – Moses said, “I can’t” – now you’re ready because at 40 you thought you could do it on your own

Romans 1:1 – Acts 9 he was called – 9:15 God told Ananias the what, where, and the whom – the when was later

3 things you need to develop to fulfill the call – to get to where the Holy Spirit can send you:

1) Relationship (Acts 9:26) – How long for Paul to go from calling to sending in Acts 13? 14 years – It took Jesus 30 years

You minister during the process because you’re saints and all saints are ministers

Society: we hire for a position and give authority – we hope they can be responsible, that we can trust them and build a relationship

The Bible: you first develop a relationship, you learn to trust or not trust them, you give responsibility, then you give them a position, then God gives them authority

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