

# Teach Us to Pray

## Session 2 Leader's Guide

In this session, we'll discover how spiritual gifts impact our prayer lives. Every born-again believer in Jesus has at least one spiritual gift. 1 Corinthians 7:7 says, "Each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that."

Spiritual gifts are special abilities God gives to believers to strengthen the body of Christ and advance His purposes. We receive them when we become a follower of Jesus Christ. The common Greek word for spiritual gift is *charisma*, which comes from *charis* meaning "grace."

There are different gift assessments to help people in your group identify spiritual gifts if they'd like. For instance, there is one by C. Peter Wagner. Or you can refer people to [https://spiritualgiftsdiscovery.com/assessment-login/?invite=k\\_5ed9a410c765d](https://spiritualgiftsdiscovery.com/assessment-login/?invite=k_5ed9a410c765d) for one offered by Wooddale Church.

The spiritual gifts covered in this session are found in these Bible passages:

- **1 Corinthians 12:7-11**
- **1 Corinthians 12:27-31**
- **Romans 12:6-8**
- **Ephesians 4:11-13**

You may want to read through the passages prior to the session to familiarize yourself with the gifts mentioned.

It's important to note that the spiritual gifts addressed in this session are from the Bible passages covered, but **they do not include every spiritual gift**. It's a good idea to mention this before going through them. For instance, hospitality is a gift that's not covered. You may also want to mention that there are different ways to count spiritual gifts, and not everyone agrees. For instance, some people think intercession is a gift and others think it's more like a calling or assignment—similar to how some people are called to be worship leaders even though we all worship.

You'll be instructed to pause the video to discuss which of the gifts people think they have and why. The gifts will be listed on the screen for you. This is the main discussion time for this session. As the leader, read through the handout on "Gifted to Pray" prior to the session. In your discussion time, you'll want to address how the gifts impact **your prayer lives** specifically.

### Closing the session

At the end of the session, you'll take a few minutes as a group to talk about what was covered.



If time permits, you might ask if anyone has a prayer request and invite one or two people in the group to pray for it. This will help build relationships.

Encourage participants to try this challenge before Session 3:

- **Ask God how He wants to use your gifts to build a culture of prayer.**
- **Identify a spiritual gift in someone else that impacts their prayer life. Tell them how you see the gift being used.**