



## Leader Guide

# Do Your Job

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**Main Passage:** John 21:15-17,20-23; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

## Theological Theme

Every believer receives spiritual gifts. Although we might feel tempted to compare gifts and wish for what others have received, Jesus was clear that each person should stay focused on using and developing his or her own gifts for the sake of the kingdom.

## Introduction

- ? When have you felt discontent from observing others' lives?
- ? Why is it especially tempting to compare yourself to others in the age of social media?

## 1. You Are Gifted (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Although all spiritual gifts come from the Holy Spirit, Paul stressed to the believers in Corinth diversity and unity both exist in these gifts. Each Christ follower receives gifts from the Spirit to be used for a common purpose. The gifts come from the same divine source and are specifically intended for certain individuals as the means of building up the whole body. **(To discover your gift, see links in the application section of this study)**

- ? How does it change your perspective on the gifts you and others have received to remember God gave each person specific gifts based on His desire for them? How does this make the value of all the gifts equal?
- ? When have you been tempted to think too highly or too lowly of your spiritual gifts?
- ? Application: How should the common purpose for the spiritual gifts affect the way you look at your own spiritual gifts?

## 2. You Are Called (John 21:15-17)

The interaction between Jesus and Peter in John 21 took place after the resurrection. It was a powerful moment of restoration and challenge for Peter. As predicted, he had denied Jesus three times prior to the crucifixion. That morning on the shore, Jesus took the time to restore Peter.

- ? Why would it be important for Jesus to restore Peter in the presence of the other disciples following Peter's public denial?
- ? How does the way we treat God's people show our love or lack thereof for Jesus?
- ? Application: Can you honestly say you are seeking to love God with your whole heart, soul, and mind? What needs to change for this to be the case?

### 3. Get to Work (John 21:20-23)

In response to Jesus's command, Peter responded like we often do today. After hearing the Lord's challenge to him, Peter looked around at the others and asked a question about Jesus's intention for John.

- ❓ Why is it often easier to focus on what others are doing or not doing than on the ways Jesus is speaking to us directly?
- ❓ When have you sought to deflect attention instead of responding directly to an opportunity for you to serve or minister? What might you have missed by not taking this opportunity?
- ❓ Application: What do you need to do differently so that you respond appropriately to Jesus's call on your life?

#### Questions to Guide Your Group's Discussion

1. What does this passage say?
2. What did this passage mean to its original audience?
3. What does this passage tell us about God?
4. What does this passage tell us about man?
5. What does this passage demand of me?
6. How does this passage change the way I relate to people? (*How can you use this information this week at work or with friends and neighbors?*)
7. How does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

\*Adapted from Seven Arrows by Matt Rogers pastor of The Church at Cherrydale, Greenville, SC

#### Here's How to Become a Christ-Follower:

*Read the following verses and ask after each one: "What does this say to me?"*

- **All have sinned:** Romans 3:23 & 1 John 1:8
- **The wages of sin:** Romans 6:23 & John 3:18
- **But while we were sinners, salvation was provided:** Romans 5:8
- **Become a Christ-follower:** Romans 10:9-10 Confess and Believe

#### Accepting Christ is Just the Beginning:

Next Steps:

- Publicly profess your faith by being baptized (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 3:21; Romans 6:4).
- Join a church which follows the Bible, where you can grow in your faith through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other Christians.
- Get involved in groups for encouragement and accountability.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.
- Share with others what Jesus has done for you. Tell your story (Romans 10:14; Matthew 28:19-20).
- Begin to live for God (Romans 12:1-2, 9-18; James 1:19-27).

#### Prayer

1. Ask God to show you your gifts and how to use them in your church and your community.
2. Ask God for guidance on your next step in developing your gifts.

#### Resource Links

**Discover your gift:** <https://brentwood.servesurvey.com/>  
**Coaching:**

To become a coach: <https://brentwoodbaptist.com/event-details/?id=207773>

To be coached: <https://brentwood.church/coaching/>