

301 Class

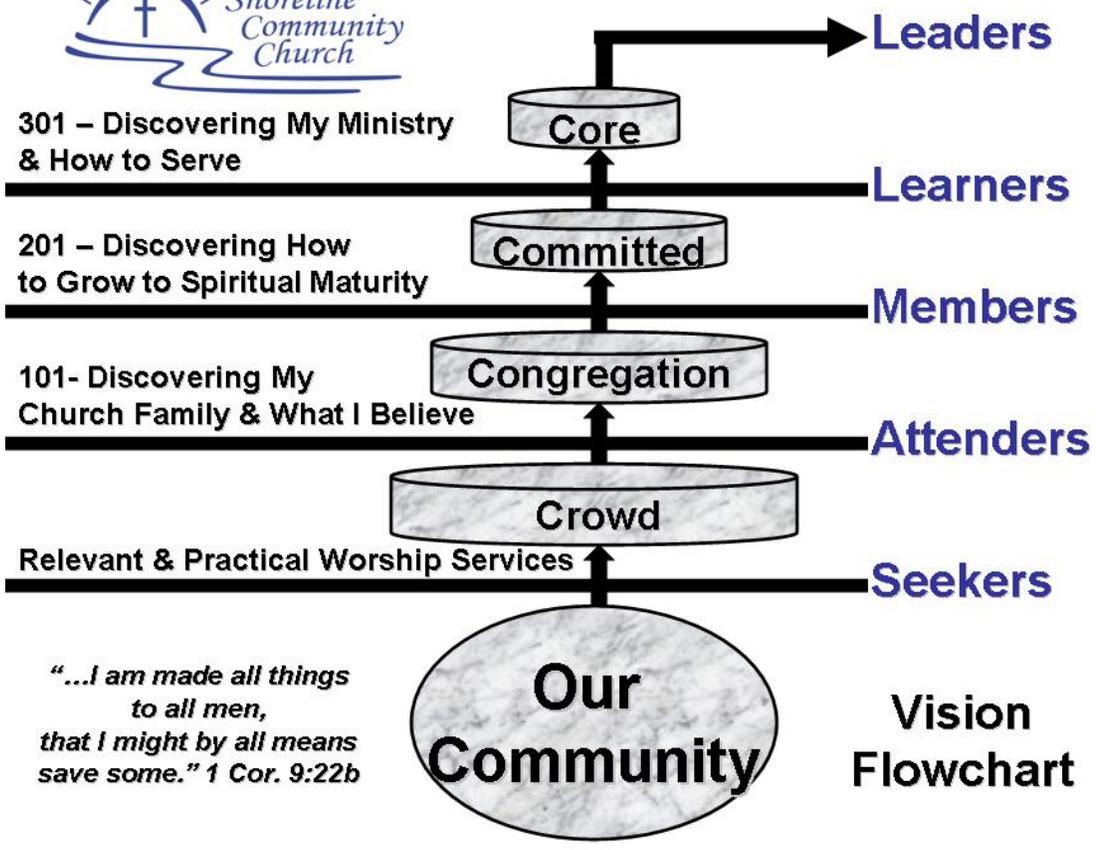


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Discovering My Ministry and How To Serve

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"...I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." 1 Cor. 9:22b

Equipping : Teaching : Relating : Reaching



A Note from Dr. Scott:

I am excited that you believe God is directing you to serve in a leadership role as part of the Shoreline Community Church family. The 301 Class “Discovering My Ministry And How To Serve” is designed to help you find the spiritual gift or gifts God has already given you at the time of your salvation, and how you can use those gifts to serve Him here at Shoreline.

WE NEED YOUR HELP and are looking forward to seeing how God will direct you through this process of self-examination.

As you view the video lessons make sure to fill in all of the blanks and make notations of any questions you may have. Questions will be answered to the best of our abilities when you email us at shorelinechurchakron.com or call the church at (330) 753-9241 or schedule an appointment to discuss the class.

Our vision is that every man, woman and child in Greater Akron has the chance to experience the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ because they hear the gospel from the lips of someone at Shoreline Community Church.

Our purpose is to be a family of believers committed to reaching people with the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ, which is evidenced in believers who are REAL...

Reproducing Other Disciples
Matthew 28:18-20

Esteeming God Above All
Mark 12:30

Announcing The Good News
Luke 24:46-47

Living For Others - Mark 10:45

Finally, our goal is to ensure that **everything** we do at Shoreline Community Church is geared to see people come to **KNOW** Jesus, **GROW** in Jesus and to **SERVE** Jesus daily!

My hope is that you will find this video class experience rewarding and the beginning of a lifetime of spiritual growth and service to our Lord at Shoreline Community Church.

In His Service,

Dr. Scott Campbell

301 Class –Discovering My Ministry and How to Serve

Lesson 1 – Definition and Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

What is the difference between a spiritual gift and a natural talent? 1) A talent is the result of genetics and/or training, while a spiritual gift is the result of the power of the Holy Spirit. 2) A talent can be possessed by anyone, Christian or non-Christian, while spiritual gifts are only possessed by Christians. 3) While both talents and spiritual gifts should be used for God's glory and to minister to others, spiritual gifts are focused on these tasks, while talents can be used entirely for non-spiritual purposes.

"When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." Ephesians 4:8

- **Definition of a Spiritual Gift:** The _____ ability given by Christ through the Holy Spirit to the believer at the _____ of his salvation.
- **Each believer has been given at least _____ gift - 1 Peter 4:10, I Cor. 7:7; 12:7-11**

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10

*"For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his _____ gift from God, one in this manner and another in that."
1 Corinthians 7:7*

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to _____ one for the _____ of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills." 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

- **No Christian possesses _____ of the gifts – I Cor. 12:29-30**

*"Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?"
1 Corinthians 12:29-30*

- **The purpose of spiritual gifts are to _____ the church and _____ the Father – Eph. 4:12-13; Rev. 4:11**

"For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13

"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." Revelation 4:11

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Lesson 2 – The Temporary Sign Gifts of Scripture

- **There are some _____ spiritual gifts mentioned by the apostle Paul in three passages of Scripture – Rom. 12:6-8; I Cor. 12:4-10; Eph. 4:11**

"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." Romans 12:6-8

*"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues."
1 Corinthians 12:4-10*

"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers." Ephesians 4:11

- **The gifts can be divided into two categories: the temporary _____ gifts and the permanent _____ gifts**
- **The 7 temporary sign gifts include: _____,
_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, and
_____.**
- ***Note: To rebuke the modern charismatic movements abuse of sign gifts refer to Deuteronomy 18:19-22; 13:1-4***

"And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.' And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?'— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him." Deuteronomy 18:19-22

"If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods'—which you have not known—'and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him." Deuteronomy 13:1-4

· **Why were sign gifts needed?** The sign gifts were given for _____ of the Lord's authority and the apostle's authority before the New Testament was complete. After completion they were no longer needed, full revelation was now available. Example: Workers when constructing a building use scaffolds. When the building is complete the scaffolds are no longer needed and are taken down. God's revelation employed the use of the sign gifts as scaffolds that were taken down once the Scriptures were complete. **Remember, the temporary sign gifts were** " _____ " (2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:4).

"Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds." 2 Corinthians 12:12

"God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?" Hebrews 2:4

Sign gifts were a sign to the _____ (I Cor. 1:22)

"For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;" 1 Corinthians 1:22

...in addition to the fact that the apostles were in most cases communicating _____ traditions (2 Thess. 2:15)

"Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle." 2 Thessalonians 2:15

...and signs were useful in verifying their authority. Sign gifts were also recognition that the _____ and _____ were the foundation of the Church (Eph. 2:20).

"Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone." Ephesians 2:20

Every appearance of a sign gift found in the Bible is used to bring validation and confirmation of God's message and His messenger in order that people would have the opportunity to hear and believe God's Word. After the message was confirmed to be of God, the sign gifts were no longer needed and faded away. Therefore, Christians do not need to have signs repeated. God's Word, The Holy Bible, has been confirmed so all can receive the same gospel message.

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Lesson 3 – The Permanent Serving Gifts of Scripture

What are the serving or enabling gifts?

Enabling gifts:

- _____ - **Heb 11:6** - *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*) The gift of faith is the supernatural ability to believe and expect great things from God.
- _____ - **I Cor. 12:8** – The gift of knowledge is the supernatural ability to receive by revelation and transmit by inspiration, a portion of the Word of God.
- _____ - **I Cor. 12:8** – The supernatural ability to rightfully apply and spiritually employ that information gathered through the gift of knowledge.
- _____ – **I Jn. 4:1** – The gift of discernment is the supernatural ability to distinguish between demonic, human, and divine spirits in another person.

Task gifts:

- _____ – **Rom. 12:6** – the supernatural ability and desire to preach the Word of God with power and authority.
- _____ – **Rom. 12:7** – The supernatural ability to expound and clarify the details of the Scriptures to other believers.
- _____ – **Rom. 12:8** - *A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver (Proverbs 25:11).* Barnabas had this gift (Acts 11:22-24).
- _____ – **Eph. 4:11; I Peter 5:1-4** - The supernatural ability to preach and teach the Word of God and to feed and lead the flock.
- _____ – **I Cor. 12:8** - The supernatural ability to minister to those sick and afflicted.
- _____ – **Rom. 12:7** - The supernatural ability to render practical help in both physical and spiritual matters.
- _____ – **(Dorcas had this gift – Acts 9:36-39; Phoebe had this gift also – Rom. 16:1-2)** The supernatural ability to under gird the leadership of the local church.

- _____ – **Rom. 12:8** - The supernatural ability to accumulate and give large amounts of one's finances to the glory of God.
- _____ – **Titus 1:4-5** - The supernatural ability to organize, administer, and promote the various activities of the local church.
- _____ – **Eph. 4:11** - The supernatural ability to point sinners to Christ and to burden Christians to soul-winning. (2 Tim. 4:5).
- _____ – **I Peter 4:9** - The supernatural ability to show Christian hospitality by opening one's home and making personal resources available to meet the needs of others.

Things to remember concerning spiritual gifts:

- Spiritual gifts are qualitative and quantitative
- A _____ ability is not to be confused with a spiritual gift
- Believers are to _____ spiritual gifts – I Cor. 12:31

*"But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way."
1 Corinthians 12:31*

- Don't confuse the fruit of the Spirit (which produces _____ in believers) with spiritual gifts (which are given to believers for specific _____).

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

"For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)" Ephesians 5:9

A word of warning! Do not become so enamored with your spiritual gifting that you only seek to serve God in areas that only benefit from your particular gift. Spiritual gifts do not work in that manner. We are called by God to obediently serve Him in ALL things. God will equip His people with whatever gift is needed to accomplish whatever task He has called us to.

Remember, God will never call you to do something that He has not already enabled you by the power of His Holy Spirit to complete!

Before proceeding to Lesson 4 you must take the Spiritual Gift Assessment

Please go to: www.elmertowns.com and click on the "Spiritual Gifts Assessment" tab and complete the assessment.

Once you have completed the assessment, print your results and continue on to Lesson 4.

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Lesson 4 – How You Can Serve The Lord At Shoreline Using Your Spiritual Gifts

- _____ – Committing to pray for the salvation of the lost, the growth and well being of our church and the health spiritual maturity of our members.
- _____ – 2nd Thursday of the month 6:15 - 7:30 pm
(Meet and greet clients, share testimony, present gospel message, lead song service, pray and witness to clients)
- _____ – 3rd Sunday of the month 9:00 – 10:00 am
(Share testimony and gospel or be a mentor to a troubled youth)
- _____ - 1st and 4th Sundays of the month our care team ministers by providing a Gospel service to those in nursing homes in Barberton and Wadsworth
- _____ – Instrumentalists, vocalists are always needed. You will be working directly with Pastor Scott. Must be willing and available to practice with the praise team. Would occasionally work with the drama ministry.
- _____ a – Work with the drama ministry leader to develop and produce dramatic productions for Christmas and Easter.
- _____ – Work under the supervision of the drama ministry leader to sew and create costumes for various productions.
- _____ – Displaying God’s handiwork for the public. You would be responsible for weekly edging, trimming and weeding of lawn and gardens.
- _____ – You would be responsible for serving beverages and snacks on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Clean up is also part of that duty.
- _____ – A warm and friendly person is needed to answer questions on church ministries, take new information from our guests, and hand out gift packets.
- _____ – A mature individual with some knowledge of computer and recording equipment is needed to set up and operate numerous types of equipment (ie. Mics, camera, laptop computer, projector, etc.)
- _____ – Energetic people are needed to team teach students, supervise field trips and minister to teens.

- A New Ministry That The Lord Has Laid On Your Heart
- Is the Lord laying a burden on your heart to serve in any of the above opportunities?

If you have not done so already, please schedule your “ministry interview” to discuss your class work, spiritual gifts assessment results and the ministry opportunities presented in Lesson 4 .

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Congratulations!

You have finished the 301 Class “Discovering My Ministry and How to Serve.”.

After you have completed your class work and ministry interview, you will receive a certificate of achievement at the next Sunday Morning Worship Service!

May God bless your efforts to grow closer to Him and serve Him as a leader here at Shoreline as a result of the time you invested in our 301 Class.

“Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.” Philipians 2:16