

Sermon Questions

“Gifts of Grace”

1 Peter 4:10-11

1. What stood out to you in this week’s message?
2. In 1 Peter 4:10, Peter uses the word “steward” to explain that we are all agents of God’s grace. When you hear the word “steward,” what is the first thing that comes to mind? How does this verse provide you with a different perspective on the concept of stewardship?
3. Peter says that all of us have been given different spiritual gifts. Peter simplifies these gifts and places them into two categories: speaking gifts and serving gifts. Read 1 Peter 4:11, Romans 12:3-8, and 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. In light of these passages, what spiritual gifts has God given you? (If you do not know your spiritual gifts, that’s okay! Calvary has a spiritual assessment that is listed in the sermon notes and bulletin that will help you figure out your specific gifts.)
4. Pastor Jim told the story of Amy Richey, who is a Calvary missionary to Ukraine. In this story, he asked us to think about how we would help her. If you would write her a note or desire to meet with her and pray with her, your gifts fall into the speaking category. If you desire to take her a meal or you would help her financially, then your gifts fall into the serving category. What is your response when you hear that someone is in need? How would you help someone like Amy? Go around and discuss the categories in which your spiritual gifts fall.
5. Read 1 Peter 4:11 again. Peter expresses that when you use your God-given gifts to help those in need, you are giving them a gift of God’s grace. If God uses our gifts to communicate His grace to others, why is it vital to always be willing to share your gifts with others? What do we miss out on when we are selfish with our God-given gifts?
6. Take time to pray with one another. First, take a few minutes to pray silently. Reflect on your spiritual gifts and ask God what He wants you to do with them. Then, after praying silently, pray together as a group. Pray that God would use your group in specific ways to be stewards of grace to people in need. Ask Him to give you the boldness and the confidence to share your God-given gifts with others.