



Church of the Ascension

Sermon Discussion Questions
for Sunday, Sept 17, 2023 on
"Stewarding Our Gifts"

READ: Romans 12:1-8; Psalm 130; and Mark 9:33-37

DISCUSS

- Share with the group something that you like about how God made you. (Try not to be too shy! Remember: a foot acting as if it is not a foot cripples the whole body.)
- Was there ever a time when comparing yourself to others and their gifting has been a stumbling block for you? What was that experience like? Were you able to move past that comparison or do you feel that you are still stuck in it?
- Consider Paul's phrase, "a living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1). What does this phrase mean to you?
- What is the Holy Spirit's invitation to you in light of Romans 12 and this discussion of spiritual gifts? For some, it might be to pray for a greater awareness of their own gifting. For others, it may be to express gratitude for another's gifting. Perhaps you sense an invitation to put down the costly burden of comparing yourself to others. Or maybe it is time to take that plunge into a ministry you have felt called to?

PRAY

Pray for Church of the Ascension. Pray for your community group, giving particular thanks for each of the individuals and the gifts they bring. Ask the Lord for greater clarity to understand our spiritual gifting and greater opportunity to rightly use those gifts as part of the Body of Christ.

DO

Ask a wise person in your life - perhaps a close friend, family member or colleague - what gifting they see in you. Often, other people can see us far more clearly than we can see ourselves. Be ready and willing to offer affirmation or encouragement of the giftings you see in them as well!