

Take advantage of these opportunities to build community at Awaken Las Vegas!
Our men's event is free and you only need to RSVP the number of men who are coming in your party. Our Summer Worship Night will have a potluck this time! So come on out and celebrate our brothers and sisters in their baptism while you are here!



HOLY SPIRIT

WEEK 5

STOP TALKING ABOUT IT AND DO IT

ROMANS 12:1-8

Action is necessary for you to discover the spiritual potential God has given you

Ok. Quick test for you. Which of these sayings is familiar to you? Better to have tried and failed than to have never tried at all. Sound familiar? How about "Intentions always look better on paper than in reality." Or what about this one from Picasso, "What one does is what counts, not what one had the intention of doing." That certainly was true for Picasso. He had to put paint on the canvas. Just as Edison had to test his ideas and Harriet Tubman had to put her pen to paper. Action is necessary for you to discover the spiritual potential God has given you. The reality is that the untapped potential is abundant for any local church. Maybe that's you. Maybe the spiritual potential God has built within you is laying dormant, just waiting to be tapped. Just as Jesus called out Lazarus from the tomb, He calls out your spiritual gift. He is calling it out of the darkness of fear and isolation. He calls it to come out of the darkness of doubt and uncertainty. He is calling it forth so that He can unwrap it in all its glory and use it to bless His children and the lost. Hear His call and use the gift He has given you.

(5 min) OPENING PRAYER

As a Life Group, invite the Holy Spirit into your time. Ask God to shape the desires of your heart to please Him in every way so that your gifts can be fully exercised for His glory, to bless others, and to bring you joy.

(10-20 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. How does Romans 12:1-5 set the stage for the use of spiritual gifts? Be thorough in your answers and make the connection between these verses and verses 6-8.
2. Review the seven gifts mentioned in Romans 12:6-8. Based on the teaching, make sure you understand each of these gifts. Share the gifts that you see in one another. If you believe you have these gifts and aren't using them, encourage one another to take steps of faith. Think about concrete ways to do that.
3. Consider how your group can use the collective gifts represented to help Awaken Las Vegas fulfill its mission.

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES:

ROMANS 12:1-2 *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

(20 min) EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: *As a Life Group, take the next 15-20 minutes to pray and enter into a time of encountering the Holy Spirit. Remove distractions as best you can and start by asking, "Come, Holy Spirit, come." Consider how you can use the gifts God has given to you to be a blessing to those in your group and the church as a whole. Allow space for the Holy Spirit to impress things upon your heart. Perhaps giving a prophetic word, a Scripture, or a word of knowledge or wisdom. Anticipate that He will reveal His will to you. Allow others to operate in the seven gifts in these verses.*

The church has a growing spiritual synergy when everyone uses their gifts.

(5 min) LIVE IT

Based on the study, be intentional, courageous, and filled with faith as you move forward with God. Be bold to move from intention to action this week. Even if it is a small step, take the step and use that step to take more steps.