

The **SHAPE** of you

Session 6: Becoming like Christ together

8.00 Intro chat

Let's catch up on how we are doing and what has been occupying our minds recently.

8.20 Our spiritual gifts

Discuss what people found with their reflections and ideas about spiritual gifts. How many people are confident about what God has used them for, and what they need next from God?

8.40 Focus on five gifts from Jesus

READ Ephesians 4:1-13

Note the big picture: God wants a united body of people filled with love, focused on one Lord and one faith. But there is diversity in this one body so that we work together to be Christlike.

Use the "hand" model to explain and demonstrate the importance of each of the five gifts from Jesus which equip us for service together:

- Apostolic
- Prophetic
- Evangelistic
- Pastoral
- Teaching

Discuss what these mean in practice, where we see them in ourselves and others, and (perhaps) the difference between mindedness and role: sometimes these work like things we're empowered to discuss and encourage rather than job titles we have to do. But for the middle three especially, there are often more roles than people to fill them at the moment!

9.10 "The shape of me" + what next?

Introduce "The shape of me" conclusion sheet for prayerfully considering and sharing. It's a way to summarise what we have learned about ourselves and what we are looking to do next.

Set a time for a followup meeting in January 2020 to share how we are putting this into practice.

But how do we want to put our learning into practice between now and then?

Discuss!

9.30 Prayer and blessing

Start with focus on God and worship – encourage personal praise, allowing God to shape our breath and give us tongues to praise him if we feel empowered for that.

For every person who would like to, allow time for them to thank God for what he has shaped them to be and ask for what they want going forwards. Encourage prophetic words.