

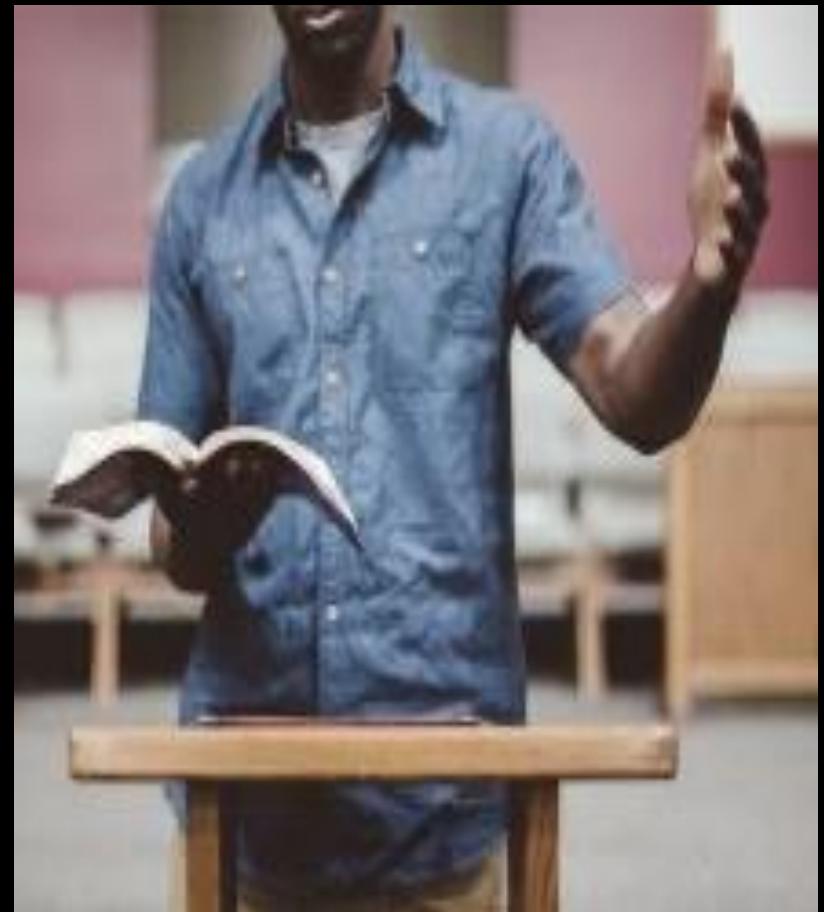
# THE WORD GIFTS

*"We all have different gifts. Each gift came because of the grace God gave us. Whoever has the gift of prophecy should use that gift in a way that fits the kind of faith they have. Whoever has the gift of serving should serve. Whoever has the gift of teaching should teach. Whoever has the gift of comforting others should do that. Whoever has the gift of giving to help others should give generously. Whoever has the gift of leading should work hard at it. Whoever has the gift of showing kindness to others should do it gladly."*

ROMANS 12:4–8

# TEACHING

- Teaching makes God's truth clear and liveable
- Spirit-enabled ability to understand scripture accurately
- The Holy Spirit uses teaching to anchor believers in truth.
- Forms disciples, not spectators
- Grounds the Church in sound doctrine
- Transforms understanding into worship



# EXHORTATION



- Exhortation strengthens hearts and wills (paraklēsis).
- Exhortation helps people to keep going
- Exhortation turns truth into obedience, giving believers the strength to endure when the journey is hard — “You can make it.”
- Exhorters should lean into people, follow the Spirit’s nudges, and speak encouragement boldly.

# PROPHECY

- Prophecy reveals God's heart for the moment
- It is Spirit-given insight that strengthens, encourages, and comforts (1 Cor. 14:1–3).
- It is “forth-telling,” not fortune-telling.
- It is not infallible like Scripture, nor fortune-telling, mysticism, opinion dressed as revelation, a tool for manipulation or ego.
- True prophetic ministry is humble and accountable — weighed by others (1 Cor. 14:29).





# EVANGELISM

- Evangelism is the Spirit-given ability to share the gospel clearly and graciously.
- Proclaiming the Good News
- Communicating Christ clearly and lovingly
- Evangelists remind the church that God's mission is outside the building. (Romans 10)
- Gifted evangelists sense openness, ask heart-opening questions, and follow the Spirit's timing.

# APOSTLESHIP

- Apostleship is a pioneering gift – starting new ministries and strengthening communities.
- Vision, structure, and mission expansion – expanding God's work into new places.
- Apostles are catalysts who operate at the leading edge where maps don't yet exist.
- Without apostles the church stagnates.
- As a church: support and celebrate apostolic leaders, back pioneering initiatives, and be ready to step into new works.



# PASTORING



- Pastoring is Spirit-enabled shepherding — caring, guiding, and nurturing God's people.
- Pastors are attentive to spiritual, emotional, and relational needs, helping believers grow in Christ.
- Jesus is the model of true shepherding.
- Minister with wisdom, empathy, patience, availability, and Christlike character, encouraging growth and accountability.
- As a church: honour and support pastoral care, nurture relational community, and cultivate a culture where everyone contributes to caring for one another.

# LEADERSHIP

- Leadership is Spirit-empowered stewardship – servant leadership.
- Organising, coordinating, resolving conflict, and setting direction so the church thrives.
- Build systems, support teams, create clarity, and help others flourish.
- Turn chaos into order and vision into practical steps (Moses and Nehemiah).
- Keeps the church moving forward with purpose.
- Our response: pray for wisdom, organise teams well, provide clear direction, mentor others, and lead with humility and integrity.
- As a church: support and encourage leaders, cooperate with direction, give constructive input, and serve faithfully.



# SO, WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?



- 1. DISCOVER YOUR GIFT.**
- 2. EMBRACE YOUR GIFT.**
- 3. USE YOUR GIFT FOR OTHERS.**
- 4. PARTNER WITH OTHERS.**
- 5. STEP OUT BOLDLY.**