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from Romans, a letter in the Bible

Through this series we'll be working our way through the Biblical letter of Romans. We'll explore themes of forgiveness, freedom, hope and grace.

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Title: Gifts of Grace

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Overview

At this point in the book of Romans Paul starts to help his readers understand how they should live their lives in light of the wonderful gospel truths that he has set out in the first eleven chapters of the book. 'In view of Gods mercy...' (12: 1), Paul writes how we should live as Christians both together in churches (chapter 12) and in wider society (chapter 13). In the first part of chapter 12 Paul encourages Christians to use the gifts God has given them to serve the church. Christians should do this mindful of the fact that all gifts flow equally from God's grace. As each honours another's gifting the church will grow increasingly unified, glorifying to God and effective in mission.

All have gifts to use

(Note: it might be best to take these three questions together in one discussion)

- Do you think you have gifts? What do you think these are?
- What gifts do you see in others in the group? What makes you think this?
- Do you identify with any of the gifts listed in Romans 12: 6-8 (or any of the other gifts listed in the New Testament. See 1 Cor 12: 7-11, 27-30; Eph 4: 11-12)

All gifts are of grace

- What's your attitude to your gifting and the gifting of others? Are there any gifts that you have tendency to think more or less of (be honest!)?
- What does Paul mean when he says Christians must think of themselves 'in accordance with faith assigned', and should use gifts, 'according to grace given'. (12: 3,6)?
- What would it look like if you and others in the church used their gifts in accordance with faith assigned and gifts according to grace given?

Spend time together thanking God for His Grace to us in Christ Jesus, and for gifts he has given us.