HomeGroup Discussion Guide

June 7-14, 2009

Key Idea of the Week:

Scripture teaches that every believer is given gifts that are to be used in healing the world and building others up but not everyone uses their gifts fully or even knows what their gifts are. How can we identify and use our gifts more effectively in the world and in other people's lives?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read I Peter 4:10-11.

Discuss

Peter says God's grace appears in various forms. What do you think that means?

Together, write down a list of forms that God's grace might take in people's lives.

Of the list above, how many of these are administered through people?

What gifts have you identified in others in the group that God uses to minister His grace to people? Share your observations with each other.

What gifts have you identified in your own life that God has used in others lives? Can you give examples?

Peter says each one SHOULD use their gifts. Why might some believers not use their gifts? What possible barriers might exist?

What sometimes stops you from using your gifts to help or heal others?

What can you do this week to overcome that barrier and use your gifts more fully?

Pray for courage to act on what you've learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.