

GIFTED TO SERVE



Gifted to Serve | Supernaturally Knowing | 1 Kings 3:16-28, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

1. Share your own experiences of the use of the gifts of words of wisdom or words of knowledge, either as the giver or receiver of the gift. What was the impact on the one who received the word?
2. Define the words wisdom and knowledge. What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge? What is your understanding of them as spiritual gifts?
3. How, do you think, are the spiritual gifts of words of wisdom and words of knowledge, different from the gift of prophecy? Is there some overlap?
4. Have a look at the following verses, what do they teach about the knowledge and wisdom of God? Isaiah 40:28, Daniel 2:21&22, Ecclesiastes 11:5, Daniel 2:21, Psalm 104:24, Romans 11:33 Ephesians 1:17.

1 Corinthians 1:16-2:26 (various verses)

5. How easily do we get sucked into the world's wisdom and live by its demands? What is Paul's response to worldly wisdom and how does he describe God's wisdom?
6. Paul calls Christ 'the power and wisdom of God' v24 Unpack what he means. How can we continue to know Jesus more?
7. How do we receive wisdom from God? 2:10 How does this help us understand the gifts of words or messages of wisdom?
8. What examples can you think of where Jesus demonstrates his wisdom and knowledge with those he meets?

1 Kings 3:16-28

9. What can we learn from Solomon's life and his gift of wisdom? Why is developing our relationship with God and obedience to him so important in receiving this gift?
10. Humility is a word that has come up throughout this series on spiritual gifts. In what ways does Solomon demonstrate humility? What does humility look like as we receive and share the gifts of the spirit in the life of CBC?
11. *'A word of wisdom or knowledge is not something that comes through life experience or education but is divine revelation about and into an issue that needs to be dealt with, offering supernatural direction about how to act in God's will and ways in that situation or moment for his glory and to know him better.'* Discuss this definition of the gifts of wisdom and knowledge. As the result of all we've studied do you agree, would you change or add anything?
12. Spend some time praying, thanking God for these gifts and waiting on him to give wisdom and knowledge where you need it in your own life and in the lives of your group.