

# GIFTED TO SERVE



## **Gifted to Serve | No One Is Excluded | Acts 1:1-8, 10:19-28**

1. Do you remember a time when you were at school and being picked last for a team? How did it make you feel?
2. Share some stories about feeling excluded. Who do you think in our community feel that way? What can we do to help?

### **Read the bible passages together**

3. God never excludes people from His love and grace. Can you think of some all embracing verses from the Bible? (John 3:16, Matt 11:28 etc)
4. Imagine you were there with the 120 disciples when the Holy Spirit came. What would you be thinking and feeling?
5. How inclusive is our attitude towards those that are outside the church? Does it annoy you that God is more inclusive than us?
6. Is it okay to ask God for particular gifts? What Bible verses support that view.
7. When do you think we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Is a later experience which some call Baptism of the Spirit essential?
8. Is it right to say that if you don't use the gifts you lose them?
9. What is the purpose of the gifts of the Holy Spirit?.
10. Have you discovered the gifts that God has given you? Do others recognise those gifts in you? (Give everyone in the group a piece of paper about 6"x 2" and each person write their name at the bottom of the sheet. Then pass to the person on the left and they have to write down one or two gifts they recognise in the person whose name is at the bottom of the sheet. Then fold the top over to hide the writing and pass on to the left. Eventually the sheet will return to the first person and you can reveal what others have seen in you)
11. Now pray for one another that God would confirm His gifting and bless you all in the life of His Church.