

# REGIFTING

HOW GOD WORKS THROUGH US TODAY

Part 1: *Identifying Your Gifts*

Part 2: *Regifting the Gospel*

## Part 3: *God's Guidance for Regifting*

### APPETIZER: On The Job Training

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22; Job 33:13-18; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Two Questions:

1. How does God speak?
2. How do we listen?

### DINE IN: Ways God Speaks & Ways We Listen

John 10:1-16; 27 14:23-26; 15:26; 16:12-15; 1 John 2:20-27

HOW THE SPIRIT SPEAKS...

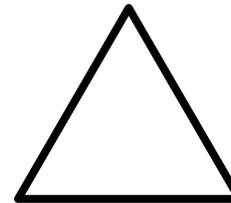
- Jesus (John 14:23-26; 15:26; 16:12-15; 1 John 4:2)
- Scripture (Isaiah 8:20)
- Experiential Encounters
- Angels
- Conviction and Conscience (John 16:8)
- Wisdom of others
- Dreams
- Prophecy
- Life experiences, circumstance, & coincidence
- Intuition/Nudges

HOW WE LISTEN...

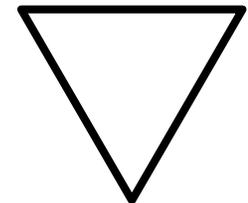
- Commit your heart, life, relationships, gifts, and goals to Jesus.
- Read, study, devour, discuss, and meditate on Scripture.
- Become close to and listen to the insights of other believers.
- Be open to all wisdom, filtering it through Jesus.
- Pray conversationally, listening as much as talking.
- Test and grow by responding and assessing.

MAKING MATURE CHOICES... Sometimes, all God wants is for you to make a mature choice, which means a loving choice. This honours him and his parenting.

Our Priorities



God's Priorities



### TAKE OUT: The First Time You Responded to God

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them.  
~ Jesus (John 6:44)

This initial invitation is your introduction to hearing the voice of God.

NEXT WEEK: *Christmas Eve Services!*

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## Home Church Questions

### HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, talk about what most inspired, convicted, or perplexed you.
2. How do you hear God's voice most often?

### HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. Read **John 10:1-16**.
  - a. What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why?
  - b. Jesus addressed this teaching to the Pharisees, who loved the Bible but didn't see Jesus as the centre of its story (see **John 5:37-40**). Church history demonstrates that this could apply even to Christians at various times. Have you ever noticed this tendency in the Church today? In your life?
  - c. Jesus identifies himself as both the shepherd who enters through the gate AND the gate itself. How is Jesus the shepherd? How is Jesus the gate? Who do you think is the gatekeeper?
  - d. "One flock and one shepherd." This is the vision of Jesus. How can we partner with Jesus to work toward this vision of unity? Talk about specific things you could do this week and as well as long-term ideas.
4. Read **1 John 2:20-27**.
  - a. What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why?
  - b. Who is the anti-Christ?
  - c. "We all worship the same God and are blessed by God, even if some people don't believe in Jesus." How does John in this passage push back against this popular sentiment?
  - d. John says his readers don't need to be taught anything... and John is writing to teach them this (and other things). What's up with that? How does this apply to the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church today?

### HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

5. Remember the commitments we made in the "Take Out" of last week's sermon about ways we intend to regift the gospel? How has that been going for you? Talk about it and, if necessary, talk about next steps. Pray for each other.
6. If you have extra time, move on to your huddle questions for discussion.

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## Quotes

Welcome to the conclusion of our three-week series on giving away what God has given us. Today's message: *God's Guidance For Regifting*

Today we're talking about how to tune in to the guidance of God in the regifting process. In the Gospel of John, Jesus assures us that his sheep can and will hear his voice ...

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.  
~ Jesus