

## Small Group Gifts Exercise

We can't always recognize our gifts and strengths on our own. In fact, as one body, the community we worship, learn, or serve with may be the very best source for uncovering how the Spirit is using us as individuals.

Try this with your family or small group:

- 1) Using large index cards, give every member of the group enough cards to represent every other member. Write each person's name at the top of the card, then list the gifts of time, talent, or treasure you've seen in each one. You don't have to just limit yourself to the "typical" Spiritual gifts.
- 2) When you've completed the writing, take time to read your cards aloud to each person.
- 3) Where are there similarities? Where are there differences? What gifts resonate? What gifts are surprises?
- 4) As a group, talk about the "mix" of gifts represented and how you are using them together to follow Jesus and show His love to others.
- 5) Close in prayer, asking for ongoing discernment to see and call out each other's gifts – and to use them as one body for the mission of God.