

# LG | Leader

[Ephesians 4:7-10]

## WARM-UP (10 mins)

Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- In your time with the Lord, what is He teaching you?
- When you reflect on Sunday's sermon, what impacted you the most? Anything that stirred your affection towards the Lord?

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. According to this text who is the "giver" of the gifts given to the church?  
Jesus.
2. When the text speaks of a measure of Christ's gift, what is this referring to? Are we saved differently?  
Paul is not referring to "saving grace" but "serving grace." Gifts are given to the church by Christ for the ministry of the saints, for the building up of the body.
3. When thinking about giftings of the church, are those who are called and equipped to hold an office in the church held to a higher standard before God as Shepherds/Teachers of the flock?  
Yes. James 3:1 says, not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. With greater gifts of grace come greater responsibility.
4. What does Paul quote in this passage? What is he alluding to by including this Psalm in these verses?  
Psalm 68. He summarizes this Psalm to reference how it was typical for a king to bring back the spoils of war after a he won a significant military victory. Likewise, Christ reigned victorious over sin and death and gave the "spoils" to the church in the way of gifts for the edification of the Saints. [Define: What does the word edification mean? What are the Saints?]
5. What is Paul referring to when he speaks of Christ ascending and descending?  
Christ is the one who descended and put on flesh (the incarnation) to pay the price for sin and conquer death. He then ascended into the heavens to sit at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:3).

6. Given that this passage confirms that each of us are by grace given gifts for the Church, how does that make you feel? What do you think your gift is?

[Allow dialogue]

7. What does a Christian who uses their gifts look like?

[Read Romans Chapter 12 \(21 verses\).](#)

## **PRAY**

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**

Commentary Reference:

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