



Supernatural – In the Zone
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[1 Corinthians 12:1, AMP]

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, (the special abilities the Holy Spirit gives us) brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant and uninformed.

(ignorant = without practical and applicable knowledge)

- **Romans 11:25** - Do not be ignorant of God's plan for Israel
- **1 Thessalonians 4:13** - Do not be ignorant about the second coming of Jesus and the eternal state
- **1 Corinthians 12:1** - Do not be ignorant regarding the Spiritual gifts

[1 Corinthians 12:4-7]

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

TFH LEVELS OF COMMITMENT AND INVOLVEMENT

- **28%** of regular attendees give with some level of consistency
- **21%** of our community serve and are on a Dream Team roster
- **33%** were in a TFH Group sometime during 2023

[1 Corinthians 12:8-11]

For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Because God has provided , through the body (point at them). Everything we need for our Spirit Soul and Body... through the gifts that his people are stewarding! (1 Peter 1:3)

- **Word of Wisdom** = divine wisdom for a specific situation; a God-given answer to a difficult dilemma
- **Word of Knowledge** = God revealing the secret things of the heart to let someone know they are seen, loved and known by the Father (builds faith)
- **Gift of Faith** = a special level of God-given-faith to move the hand of God in a specific situation
- **Gifts of Healing** = the ability to pray for the sick and release healing power (instantaneous or over a period of time)
- **Working of Miracles** = the faith and power to speak to an "only God" situation and see results (an extraordinary event that displays the supernatural power of God)
- **Gift of Prophecy** = to understand and proclaim God's plan and purpose for the future (both on a personal and corporate level)
- **Discerning of spirits** = the ability to distinguish the demonic from the soulish and to perceive someone's evil motives and intentions
- **Different kinds of tongues** = the God-given ability to communicate the gospel in other languages or to speak in a heavenly language when we pray
- **Interpretation of Tongues** = to understand and communicate in a known language what someone has said in a heavenly language

**THERE IS A ZONE OF SUPERNATURAL FAVOR AND BLESSING THAT IS
CREATED WHEN WE ARE VITALLY CONNECTED TO THE BODY AND USING
OUR GIFTS TO SERVE OTHERS**

[Ephesians 4:16]

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

[1 Corinthians 12:12, 15-21]

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

How do we live in "The Zone?"

1. Desire the gifts and pursue them with passion and intensity

[1 Corinthians 12:31]

So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts.

[1 Corinthians 14:1, AMP]

"Let love be your highest goal! But you should also earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual gifts"

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2. Discover your gifts by serving others

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3. Develop your gifts by praying for others

Key Points:

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1. **Desire** the gifts and pursue them with passion and intensity.
2. **Discover** your gifts by serving others.
3. **Develop** your gifts by praying for others

Application for the Week:

This week ask God to help you get into the zone and show how you can use your talents and the spiritual gifts to impact the world around you. If you haven't taken your next steps, attend Essentials or Discover by registering today at tfh.org

Discussion Questions

1. There are two types of people in this world, those who love to give gifts and those who love to receive gifts. Which person are you?
2. What does it look like to be healthy, growing, and full of love?
3. Share about a time that you have seen or experienced the spiritual gifts in action?
4. What is the purpose of the gifts in us? What happens to us and those around us when it is not shared, used, or operated in and through us?
5. How do we discover our gifts, and from there, how do we develop them?
6. What could the church look like if 100% of the church was actively operating in their gifts, tithing, and serving in community?
7. What are some things that God does not want us to be ignorant about? What godly plans do we need awareness of and engagement in, to affect today's world?
8. How do we live in "The Zone" both inside and outside the church? Consider practical applications to the main points of the message.
9. In your life, who encourages you in your gifts and impact?