

“Forgotten God - Convergence”

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Mini-Sermon #1

- Ephesians 2:10-“Created in Christ Jesus to do good works.”
- To maximize our effectiveness, we need to become more aware of the role of _____.

What are spiritual gifts?

- “Gifts are special God-empowered abilities for serving Him that are given only to believers.” Rick Warren
- “A spiritual gift is a capacity for service which is given to every true Christian without exception and which was something each did not possess before he became a Christian.” Ray Steadman

Where do spiritual gifts come from?

- 1st Corinthians 12:4-6, 1st Peter 4:10-11,
- Come from God who gives us the gift that _____ for _____ to be accomplished.

What is their purpose?

- Ephesians 4:11-13
- 1st Peter 4:10-11
- Gifts are given for the good of the Body of Christ so it can be a _____ force for the Kingdom in the world.

Which spiritual gifts are important?

- 1st Corinthians 12 (selected verses)
- _____ gifts are important and _____ are needed.

How can we know our spiritual gifts?

- _____
- _____
- _____
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- _____
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Mini-Sermon #2

We as Christians have the opportunity to celebrate _____.

- Galatians 5:1
- Free from:
 1. Being _____ by our lower nature.
 2. Living under the _____ of the Law.
 3. Death, disease, etc.

However, just as with gifts of the Spirit, there is a greater purpose.

- Galatians 5:13

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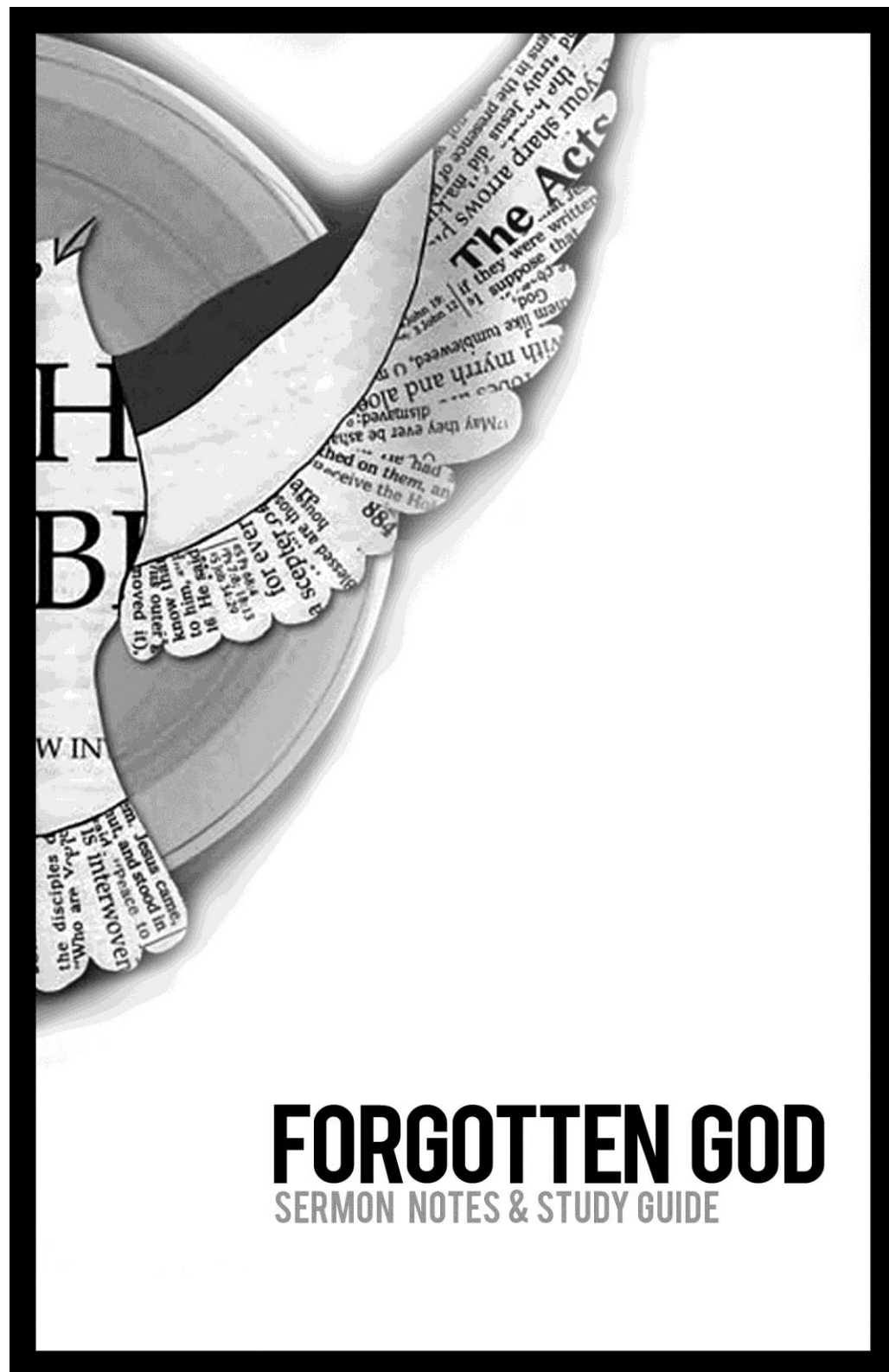
- Both spiritual gifts and freedom are to be used _____.
- Both are an _____ of our relationship with Christ (Acts 4:13).
- Both need to function under the control, leadership, and power of the _____.

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Have you identified them and if you have, how are you using them to accomplish God's goals? What contributions are you making with them? How are you advancing the kingdom of God by using your spiritual gifts?
- All spiritual gifts are important. The Body of Christ is most effective and powerful when all are actively using their gifts. If your gifts have been latent or dormant, find a way this week to activate them.
- Acts 4:13 says, "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and took note that they had been with Jesus." Are you regularly spending time with Jesus? Do your thoughts, actions, words and deeds reflect Jesus because you have been with Him?

(The title Forgotten God is taken from a book by Francis Chan.)



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