



Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

“Everyone Has a Superpower!”

Preached by Daniel Grothe

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Summary

Have someone in your group read the following summary aloud.

Pastor Daniel Grothe addresses the congregation as he is being installed as the new senior pastor of New Life Church. He focuses on Ephesians 4, where Paul transitions from describing what God has done for believers (chapters 1-3) to how believers should respond (chapters 4-6). Pastor Daniel emphasizes that everyone has been given spiritual gifts or "superpowers" by God to serve the church and community. He explains that while pastors are not more important than others, they do have a specific and important role in the body of Christ. He outlines four aspects of a pastor's job description: shepherding people with humility, feeding people the truth, guarding people from danger, and loving people until death. The

sermon concludes with a formal installation ceremony where the church elders anoint Pastor Daniel and both he and the congregation make covenant vows to one another.

Key Passages

- Ephesians 4:1
- Ephesians 4:7
- Ephesians 4:11-13
- 1 Peter 5:2-4

Opening Prayer

Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own

Heavenly Father,

as we gather to discuss the gifts You've given each of us, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to Your truth. Help us to recognize the unique ways You've equipped us to serve Your kingdom. May we be humble in acknowledging both our gifts and our need for others in the body of Christ. Guide our conversation today, Lord, and show each person here exactly what You want them to learn and apply to their lives. In Jesus' name, **amen.**

Getting Going

Allow time for each member to answer the following questions before moving on.

If you could have one actual superpower (like flying, super strength, invisibility, etc.), what would you choose and why?

Discussion Questions

Answer as many of the following questions as time and interest permit.

1. Pastor Daniel emphasized that we should 'live a life worthy of the calling you have received.' What do you think it means to live a life worthy of your calling?
2. How well do you think you're currently using your God-given gifts to serve others? Are there areas where you could step up more?
3. What obstacles prevent you from fully using your gifts in service to God and others?
4. Pastor Daniel mentioned the danger of making pastors 'too big of a deal' while also affirming their importance. How can we properly honor leadership without elevating people inappropriately?

Making It Personal

Take the opportunity noted below to apply this week's sermon to your everyday life

This week, take time to prayerfully identify your spiritual gifts or "superpowers" that God has given you. Write them down along with at least two specific ways you can use these gifts to serve others in your daily life. Then, commit to taking one concrete action to use your gift in service to someone else before our next meeting. Be prepared to share your experience with the group next time we meet.

Key Takeaways

Commit to memory one point from the message before you dismiss.

- Everyone has been given spiritual gifts by God - no one is left out of receiving these "superpowers" to serve others.
- We are called to live a life worthy (axios) of our calling, with our actions balancing with God's grace given to us.
- The purpose of spiritual gifts is to build up the body of Christ and help everyone reach maturity in faith.
- Pastors have a specific calling to shepherd with humility, feed people truth, guard from danger, and love people until death.
- Our gifts aren't for our own benefit but are meant to be used to strengthen the church and bless our communities.

Closing Prayer

Have someone from your group close you time in prayer, using the words below or your own.

Lord Jesus, thank You for the reminder that You have gifted each one of us uniquely and purposefully. We are grateful that no one has been overlooked in Your distribution of gifts. Help us to recognize, develop, and use our "superpowers" with humility and courage. May we live lives worthy of the calling You've placed on us, balancing Your grace with our faithful response. Give us opportunities this week to serve others through our gifts, and help us to build up Your church and bless our community. Strengthen our pastors and leaders as they shepherd us, and help us to support them in their calling. **Amen.**