**Small Group Ministry**

**Group Session Plan**

**Our Gifts**

**Opening Words**

Your gifts -- whatever you discover them to be -- can be used to bless or curse the world. The mind's power, the strength of the hands, the reaches of the heart, the gift of speaking, listening, imagining, seeing, waiting...: any of these can serve to feed the hungry, bind up the wounds, welcome the stranger, praise what is sacred, do the work of justice or offer love. Any of these can draw down the prison door, hoard bread, abandon the poor, obscure what is holy, comply with injustice or withhold love. You must answer this question: What will you do with your gifts?

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**Check-in/Sharing**

**Topic/Activity**

Too often we spend our time listing shortcomings and bemoaning our failures, and in doing so we fail to acknowledge our strengths and our gifts. For this session, let us concentrate on claiming our strengths and assets and our gifts.

1. What are the assets we bring to the world?
2. And what keeps us from laying claim to them and living from strength?

**Likes and Wishes**

**Closing Words**

You must answer this question: What will you do with your gifts?

*Choose to bless the world*! The choice to bless the world can take you into solitude to search for the sources of power and grace; native wisdom, healing and liberation. More, the choice will draw you into community, the endeavor shared, the heritage passed on, the companionship of struggle, the importance oaf keeping faith, the life of ritual and praise, the comfort of human friendship, the company of the earth, the chorus of life welcoming you.

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