

**October 8, 2023**

**Empowered:**

**Word Gifts: Apostleship, Teaching, Exhortation (Encouragement)**

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:27-28; Ephesians 4:11, Romans 12:5-8

**Big Idea:** Through the Word gifts, the church can reach, build, and equip itself for mission and ministry.

**The Challenge:** Without the Word gifts, the church and drift into theological error and dilute the very power of the gospel it is charged to proclaim.

**Pastoral Prayer for this Message:**

- KAC would understand these gifts and how they are defined.
- KAC would move forward with accurate, compelling, and transformative teaching that equips and builds the church.
- KAC would embrace a culture of encouragement and love.

**Questions for Discussion:**

**1. Introduction:**

- With Thanksgiving in mind, what are you grateful for?
- What is your unique gift mix? Do you have one, two, three or more? What gifts are primary to you?

**2. The Gift of Apostleship – 1 Corinthians 12:28**

- Chris outlined the difference between the gift and office of apostleship. What does this mean?
- What happens to KAC if we are not expanding and moving into new territory?
- What do you think of a new church plant up KAC is praying and working towards? How could you play a part?

**3. The Gift of Teaching – Romans 12:7, 1 Corinthians 12:28-29; Ephesians 4:11**

- This is the only gift that comes with a warning (Read James 3:1). Why is this the case?
- What is the difference between sitting under someone who has the gift of teaching, and someone who does not? How can you tell?
- Why is the gift of teaching so important to the church (see Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 2:42)? What happens when bad or erroneous teaching enters the church?

**4. The gift of Exhortation (Encouragement) – Romans 12:7-8**

- Thinking back through this past week, what was something that someone said to you that made impact (either positive or negative)
- How can you express encouragement with the people close to you today?

**Application:** Go around your group expressing gratitude and encouragement to each other.