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Word Gifts: Leadership, Pastoring (Shepherding), Evangelism

Empowered:

Scripture: Haggai 1:1-11

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

The Challenge: The Word gifts require a deep sensitivity to the work of Spirit. Without it the church and ministries can still function, but will be mostly fruitless and can cause distrust and harm in the process.

Pastoral Prayer for this Message:

- KAC would understand these gifts and how they are defined.
- KAC would see an increase of people using their gift of pastoring and shepherding in their spheres of influence.
- KAC would be a place known for its boldness to stand for truth and the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus.

Questions for Discussion:

Introduction:

- What is something you know how to do but don't do? As we think about our spiritual gifts, what do you think keeps us from actively using them the way God desires us to?
- Leadership, pastoring, and evangelism are three words that bring with them a range of experiences or emotions – positive and negative. How have your experiences shaped your thoughts around people with these gifts?

The Gift of Leadership – Romans 12:6-8, Mark 10:42-45

- In Mark 10, Jesus redefines what leadership in His kingdom ought to look like. What are the key differences between how we generally define leadership and how the gift of leadership?
- Who are examples of people you know, both in the church and the marketplace, that lead like Jesus?
- What does leading like Jesus in the marketplace look like?

The Gift of Pastoring (Shepherding) – Ephesians 4:11-16, John 10:1-18

- When you hear the word 'pastor', who jumps to your mind? Are they people who hold the title or position? Who are the other 'pastors' in your life?
- What do you think the impact would be at KAC if more people with this gifting moved from simply knowing about it to actively using it?

The Gift of Evangelism – Ephesians 4:11-16, Acts 8:4-8, 26-40

- Imagine you are bumped at Costco by someone. After doing the great Canadian exchange of 'I'm sorry', you feel as though God is asking you to share about Him or pray for the individual. What would your response or reaction be? Would you lean in? Would you hesitate?
- A key component to evangelism is proclaiming or actually talking about the good news of Jesus. How would you describe the gospel to someone?

Application:

- Knowing our gifts should lead to us using our gifts to build up the church and bring God glory and honour – share about where are you currently using or how you think you could begin using your gifts?