

# Small Group Discussion

## Characteristics of a Model Servant

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

### Getting Started

- In Hebrews 5:14, what spiritual activities contribute toward developing maturity?

### Static Questions

- **What was the passage about?**
  - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
  - Pay attention to the main *points* of the passage.
- **What did you learn?**
  - What did the passage reveal about God? About people?
  - Was there a promise or command or a warning?
  - What is the big idea of the passage?
  - What lessons do you see?
- **How will you apply it?**
  - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
  - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this message?
  - How should you respond based on what you learned?

### From the Teaching this Morning

1. Read Romans 12:6-8 and I Peter 4:10-11 about using spiritual gifts. What will be the impact on the church body if a believer does NOT exercise his or her gift? What will be the impact on the church body if an immature believer DOES exercise his or her gift? Will being an “embryo” limit the development of the body?
2. Of the illustrations used in the sermon, which was most helpful to you? Why?
  - Jack Davidson, the “pastor” of his neighborhood
  - Augustine Ruiz, the man with the spiritual gift of helps
  - Alex Corteze, who couldn’t steer his car when it wasn’t in motion
  - Bob Buford realizing that halftime is a good time to reevaluate and, if need be, change plans
  - The man who boldly passed out gospel tracks on an airplane
3. What spiritual gift do you think you have? Which one do you think each person in your discussion group has?