# Everyone has something to offer (Rom 12:1-8 1Cor 12:1-11)

## Building the church in the 21st Century

# God made you unique

## You are unique

### Be LIKE Jesus in

#### His relationship with God, His character

#### His attitudes and values

## With a unique contribution to make

### Depending on your character, your giftings, your season, your opportunities, and your willingness to serve

# God made you to work in faith

## Faith is sometimes not being totally sure

### Your ‘gifting’ is one thing, but your leading and discernment are vital

## 1 Cor 12 we find the Corinthians getting an answer to a question they sent Paul about spiritual things

### They weren’t just asking about spiritual ‘gifts’, but about the whole art of spirituality

## Rom 12 we are to use our gifts (charismata – graces, favours) according to our faith

### There’s no room for arrogance in using any grace from God

#### Every usage should involve some measure of faith

# God’s agenda

## It is God’s agenda that matters

### That is an act of faith

#### I trust what He is doing, how He is doing it and why He is doing it

#### I want to be used by God to enable His agenda for me, for my family, for my neighbours, for my friends, for my community, for my country, for His world

### God’s agenda works by grace through humility (Rom12;3)

#### Christians are called to be the living sacrifices that show that a life lived by faith is not wasted, inconsequential or insignificant

# God’s measuring stick

## A life measured by faith

### How does He want me to use what He has given me today?

#### In work, in words, in silence, in bringing grace and truth to other people

## Everyone has something to offer

### Each one is responsible hearing what and how much and when

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Your uniqueness

## In what ways should a Christian be like Jesus?

### In what ways should a Christian NOT be like Jesus?

## In what ways are you unique?

# God’s gifting

## If you have done a gift assessment course:

### If so, what did it reveal about you?

### How happy were you with the results?

### How did it change the way you do church?

### In what ways was it un-helpful?

## If you have not done a gift assessment course:

### Do you believe that there are spiritual gifts in the church today?

#### Explain your answer

### Do you believe that all to gifts mentioned in the Bible are available to us today?

#### Explain your answer

### If you do believe they are available which gifts do you believe you have been given?

#### How do you know?

# God’s use of you

## How does God use you in the church and in the community?

### Is God’s leading easy for you?

#### Explain your answer

### How does God’s leading work for you, if at all?

#### Give examples

# God’s agenda

## What do you think is God’s agenda for the world? For your family? For you?

### In what ways does it require faith from you?

# God’s measuring stick

## How far do you agree that God measures us?

### What is His yardstick?

### If it is Jesus how does that make you feel?

#### How does this equip you to serve?

# Everyone has something to offer

## Look around the people you know: How are they contributing to God’s kingdom?

### Tell them, if appropriate