

Get Trained!

Would you like to take next step in your Christian life? Not sure where to start? If you are new to GPC or have recently given your life to the Lord and would like to learn more about becoming a part of our faith community, here are the “next steps” that will give you a clear path to follow.

Getting To Know the Gathering Place!

This is a great first step in learning what GPC is all about! You will meet our Senior Leader John Ettore, and in a casual setting you will hear his vision for the church, be able to ask questions, meet some others who are new to GPC, and share a meal together. If you would like to be a part of our next gathering, send an email info@gatheringplacechurch.org and we will send you a notice of the time and date of our next meeting.

Join a Connect Group!

At GPC we are creating a culture we like to call Genuine Christian Community (GCC). This is primarily accomplished through our network of connect groups. Forming friendships and sharing our lives is a key to living what the Bible refers to as an “abundant” life. Relationships are what living the Christian life is all about – it’s the context of living out our faith – first with God, and then with each other. Here at GPC we are doing something about it! See our [current list](#) of Connect Groups.

We read in Ephesians 4 that all of the Spiritual Gifts are for the building up of the Body [the church]. What this means in terms of discovering your spiritual gifts is that the feedback you get from those you are helping will tell you more about what your spiritual gifts are than anything else. Your spiritual gifts will be discovered as they are used.

The best advice I got {Mark here} when I was trying to find my spiritual gift was “Go find someone to love.” Anytime you set out to love someone, a spiritual gift will be in operation because it is in the Holy Spirit’s interests to empower love wherever it is expressed. So that means our emphasis should be on acts of love rather than simply the discovery of spiritual gifts. If love is the goal then finding places to come into contact with the needs of others is the means to that goal.

At church on Sunday morning this might take the form of joining the hospitality team, the set up team, the sound team, the computer team, the KIDS church team, the middle school team, the high school team, or the prayer ministry team. Did you notice how all these groups are described as “teams?” That should give you a great clue to the heart attitude that is involved. What is best for the whole is important rather than just the individual.

Apart from Sunday morning the best way to come into contact with someone to love is by being committed to regularly attending a Connect Group. When we come together in these groups we get to know each other and as this happens we come to know one another's needs and find our Spiritual Gifts manifesting as we seek to be helpful and loving to one another. It's really quite simple if you keep the goal of love in mind and let that guide your actions.

Please contact info@gatheringplacechurch.org for more information.

Southern California School of the Supernatural

The supernatural is a natural part of the kingdom of God and therefore we believe it is to be a natural part of every Christian’s life. Whether it is at school, work, at home or at the local Starbucks, we have found the fastest way to expand the kingdom of God is through signs and wonders.

The SCSS was a collaborative effort between the Gathering Place and The Connection. Since its inception, hundreds have been trained in the supernatural through these powerful weekends. Countless people who had

never prophesied before, healed the sick, received words of knowledge for other or operated in the “discerning of spirits” have begun walking in a whole new dimension of the gifts of the Spirit.

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Get Involved

One of the best ways to get connected, grow in Christ and feel you are making a difference in the kingdom of God is by joining a ministry team. At GPC we have plenty of places for you to plug in! [Click here](#) to see our list of ministries, contact the team leader and add your gifts to our team!