

# FULLNESS

**ROMANS 12:6** *In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well...*

On Sunday, Pastor Ta preached a very uncomplicated sermon on how to use what God has given us for His purposes through vital and meaningful partnerships.

God's will is to fill our lives and to experience the tremendous blessing of His abundance. The blessings He fills us with have a two-fold purpose: 1) for our enjoyment, and 2) for His kingdom. Whether it's material fullness or talent, the blessing you have is meant for those two purposes. The challenge we received on Sunday were:

**Humble yourselves.** Being blessed means that God has given us things because He is kind, not because we are great. The fullness we enjoy are given because of God's grace; they are not mere rewards for our loyalty. The biggest tendency for us when we're blessed is we think it's all because we're good; and the blessings become objects of pride. Pastor Ta reminded us that we should always keep our feet on the ground when we experience God's blessings (Proverbs 3:34).

**Use your gifts.** In Romans 12:4-8, we find the command of the Apostle Paul for all of us to use our blessings for the benefit of the kingdom. Our gifts are useless if it were only used for ourselves. Pastor Ta also said that one of the saddest things that could happen to a believer is when he or she does not use what God has given them for God's church. Pastor Ta challenged us to start serving according to how we are blessed (Luke 12:48).

**Fight for unity.** As people of God at Mosaic, one of our core values is: RADICAL DEVOTION. That means, we are committed unreservedly to Jesus Christ and we are totally committed to our church; we submit to our leadership and we love and serve one another; and when God speaks to us as a community, we all receive what He says. Any form of rebellion, falsehood and disunity among the people of God is discouraged in the Bible (Romans 16:17-18). A believer who is proud and never uses his gifts for God's church sows disunity, because instead of contributing for the glory of God and the growth of His church, a proud believer thinks of his brothers and sister less of, refuses to serve them, and makes no real connection with them. God loves to see His children united in the areas that matter, so let's strive to keep the unity at Mosaic Church (Psalm 133:1). We will be instruments of peace and not division; we will refuse to gossip, hate or sow anger. We will keep the unity through love (Ephesians 4:3).

Last week, Pastor Jon challenged us to exercise our faith by stretching and speaking so we may experience God's fullness in our lives even more. We were challenges to see now the now as well as have the faith to see ahead.

Can you share with your group how this applies to our topic this week about humility, using our gifts and fighting for unity. What do you see, and what does God see?

I see \_\_\_\_\_, but God sees \_\_\_\_\_.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- New York Mission Trip (November 8-16)
- Worship/Tech/Welcome Team Night (October 15)
- Dream Team Convergence (October 29)

## PRAY TOGETHER FOR

- Pastor Ta as he preaches again this Thanksgiving Sunday.
- Yourself as you obey Jesus in the areas of humility, using your gifts and fighting for unity.

## GOAL FOR THIS STUDY:

For each of us to embrace the value of radical devotion to Jesus and His local church. Jesus and His church are inseparable, we cannot love one without the other. We are part of the body—when we share what we have with the whole body, we also help ourselves; if we refuse to use our gifts for the body, we end up depriving ourselves of the blessing we can get out of it; and if we cause division in the body, we hurt ourselves too. The fullness of the church includes you.

## **Connection and Action**

*Questions to promote conversation and connection*

### **Question:**

What does partnership mean and why is important?

### **Question:**

Describe how a healthy partnership looks like. What are the benefits of having partners in ministry?

### **Question:**

Do you have a ministry partner in the form of an accountability person? Why should you have one?

## **Bible and Belief**

*Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.*

### **ROMANS 12:1-8**

#### **Question:**

In verse 1, what does the apostle Paul say concerning the true essence of worship?

#### **Question:**

What does it mean to be a living sacrifice? How does this apply to us as disciples?

#### **Question:**

In verse 2, what behavioral patterns of this world do you think Paul is referring to? What is it so important for Paul for believers to be different?

#### **Question:**

Why does Paul relate knowing God's perfect will to having a transformed mind? Why is spiritual renewal important in knowing God's will?

#### **Question:**

In verses 4-8, what are the results of having a transformed mind?

#### **Question:**

Why is it important to serve God with your gifts?

#### **Question:**

What are Paul's instructions regarding fighting for unity (Romans 12:14-17)?

## **Growing in Leadership**

*Questions to help people grow as leaders.*

### **Question:**

How can you help encourage your team to serve God?

### **Question:**

What practical ways can we you think of practical to help preserve and fight for unity?