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- III. Now read [*1 Peter 4:10-11*](#). According to verse 11, why does God give spiritual gifts? (Note [*1 Corinthians 12:7*](#)). How can you know what gift God has given you? In verse 12, Peter mentions two categories of gifts. What are they? Give some examples in each category. How can both speaking and serving gifts be developed and used in your small group meetings? Be specific.

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