



Presbytery: What and Why

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Focus It is important not to neglect a gift God has given us. Sometimes He uses others to give us a prophetic word to confirm a calling or to open our eyes to new possibilities in our service to Him. We are not to fear, but to embrace the gift He has for us. God only gives us good things! Presbytery is a way for Him to gift us with a special word.

Fun What was the most surprising gift you have ever received? Did you like it?

Review Key Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:14 (KJV)

1. To witness the supernatural.

Presbyters depend on the Holy Spirit's leading to impart a special word to someone. It is something they do not know beforehand and is supernaturally inspired.

2. To hear God.

God can speak to us through the Bible or through an individual in order to edify, encourage, and bless us. Often God will quicken our hearts to receive a word given to someone else for ourselves, as well.

Group Dynamics Idea God can speak a word to our hearts directly through the reading of His Word or by someone prophesying over us. Take a moment this week to come before Him to ask for a word especially for you.

Discuss

1. What things do you consider before giving a gift to someone?

2. Have you ever neglected a gift someone has given you, perhaps setting it on the shelf somewhere and not using it? If so, why?
3. Do you believe God gives only good gifts? Have you ever been gifted with a prophetic word? If you are comfortable doing so, share a prophetic word which was spoken over you that made a difference in your life.
4. Explain the phrase “the laying on of hands” as it pertains to prayer or prophecy. Have you ever experienced “the laying on of hands”? What was your experience?
5. Has God ever given you a prophetic word for someone else? What was the result when you shared it with that individual?
6. Discuss how a word spoken in *due season* might inspire and motivate us (Proverbs 15:23).

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God wants to encourage us in our walk with Him.
- A timely word can bring confirmation and blessing.
- God inspires others to speak over our lives.
- Presbytery is a to gift us with a special word from God.

Prayer Lord, I am asking You to bless me with a prophetic word today. Open my eyes and heart to this supernatural word that comes from You. I am willing to receive. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip A leader is in a unique position to encourage those within a group to use their spiritual gifts. It is a privilege to see individuals grow and bless others by maturing in their gifts. Helping people realize their godly potential grows God's kingdom.