

10-4-17 Community talent

There is a great deal of conversation about being gifted and talented, which is often intertwined with being successful and getting ahead. It goes like this:

First, we discover our gifts, which can be hard work. Then, having discovered our gifts, we use those gifts to reach our full potential whereby we achieve success and personal happiness.

That's the formula. Discover your gifts, use those gifts to reach your full potential, which lead to success and personal happiness.

And what's wrong with this? Well, maybe nothing, except it's not how the Christian faith sees our giftedness and our talent. No, the Bible sees our talents being given to us for one reason: for the community of faith, or to be more precise, to use our gifts in the church so that we can be the Body of Christ to the world and to each other.

In other words, our gifts are not given to us so that we can reach our full potential. Our gifts are given to us so that we, in the church, can help the world reach its full potential.

Just a thought. I'm Sid Batts from First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro, overlooking Fisher Park.