



Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

"The Gifts of the Holy Spirit"

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"God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will."

H E B R E W S 2 : 4

Summary

Have someone from your group read the following summary aloud.

In this week's sermon, Pastor Brady delved into the spiritual gifts highlighted in 1 Corinthians 12, emphasizing wisdom, knowledge, and faith. He underscored that these gifts are not merely personal attributes, but divine empowerments bestowed by the Holy Spirit to glorify Jesus and serve others.

Pastor Brady stressed that every believer—including you!—has been endowed with spiritual gifts, which are essential tools for spiritual warfare and navigating the challenges of contemporary life.

As we consider this topic, let's reflect on how these gifts operate within our lives and communities, seeking to identify and cultivate them for the edification of the church and the advancement of God's kingdom.

Opening Prayer

Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own.

"God, as we explore the spiritual gifts you've given us, help us to understand how we can use them to serve others and honor you. Open our hearts and minds to recognize the unique ways you've equipped each of us. Guide our discussion, and show us how to apply what we learn in our everyday lives. Let this time strengthen our faith and our commitment to follow you. In your name we pray, Amen."

Getting Going

What's the most memorable gift you've ever received, and why was it special to you?

Discussion Questions

Answer as many of the following questions as time and interest permit.

1. What is your understanding of spiritual gifts, and how have you seen them operate in your life?
2. How can we distinguish between when something is from the Holy Spirit versus our own desires or emotions?
3. Which of the three gifts discussed this week (wisdom, knowledge, faith) do you need most right now, and why?
4. How can we practically “fan into flame” the spiritual gifts God has given us?
5. What does it mean to be “full of faith” versus having “little faith” or “great faith”?
6. What role does surrender play in the development and use of spiritual gifts?
7. How can we maintain balance between seeking spiritual gifts and maintaining focus on the Giver of the gifts?

Making It Personal

Take the opportunity noted below to apply this week's sermon to your everyday life.

This week, choose one area where you need wisdom, knowledge, or faith. Each day, ask the Holy Spirit to activate and strengthen that gift in you.

Pay attention to how God responds—through insights, opportunities, or interactions—and jot down your observations. Notice how this gift not only impacts your life but also blesses those around you.

Key Takeaways

Commit to memory one point from the message before you dismiss.

Which of these points will you carry with you this week?

- Spiritual gifts are the Holy Spirit at work through us to glorify Jesus and help others.
- Everyone has been given spiritual gifts; they just need to be acknowledged and activated.
- Faith grows through surrender and knowing God, not just through answered prayers.

Closing Prayer

Have someone from your group close your time in prayer.

"Jesus, thank you for the incredible gifts your Spirit has given each of us. Not just talents, but divine empowerments you've customized for this season in our church and community.

"Father, many of us struggle to recognize our gifts or find the courage to use them. Some of us have kept them tucked away out of fear or past disappointments. Today, we're asking for a fresh start.

"Holy Spirit, would you make it crystal clear to each person here exactly how you've gifted them? Knock down those comparison walls that make us think our contributions don't matter enough. Help us see what you see in us.

"This week, give us real chances to step out with our gifts, even in small ways. Connect encouragers with someone who needs uplifting. Open the eyes of our servers to needs they can meet. Give our leaders courage to step up when direction is needed. Lord, we want New Life to be a place where gifts flow freely, where we're known for worshiping authentically, connecting powerfully, and serving extravagantly.

"Change us from consumers to contributors in your kingdom work. Let's be the church that shows what it looks like when your body works in harmony. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Key Passage | 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 NIV

These verses were highlighted during this week's sermon and appear here for your reference.

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

"To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

"All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines"

Verses for Further Study

- Romans 12:4-8
- Ephesians 4:11-13
- Hebrews 11:1
- John 16:13