

Moving In The Gifts Of The Holy Spirit

Small Group Discussion Guide

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BASED ON THE TEACHING BY PASTOR MIREK HUFTON

1. SERMON RECAP

In this message, I shared my heart about the urgent need for the body of Christ to move back into the gifts of the Holy Spirit -- not as a religious exercise, but as a supernatural expression of God's love for hurting people. Drawing from 1 Corinthians 12 and 14, I walked us through the nine gifts of the Spirit, reminding us that these gifts are not about us -- they flow through us by the Holy Spirit for the benefit and blessing of others. As we step into revival and a new move of God, I believe every one of us is called to stir up these gifts, pray in the Spirit, and allow God to use us supernaturally right where we are.

2. KEY SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV)

"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all."

3. ICE BREAKER

Start here -- keep it light and fun!

> "Has God ever given you a strong sense or impression about something -- a person, a situation, a decision -- that later turned out to be exactly right? Tell us about it!"

(Leader note: Don't worry if people call it a "gut feeling" or "just knowing something." That's perfectly fine -- part of tonight's conversation is recognizing that God may already be working through us in ways we haven't labeled yet!)

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1 -- Opening Up the Topic

In the message, I said that a lot of us are already operating in gifts of the Spirit but have never labeled them as such. Does that idea surprise you, encourage you, or maybe even make you a little nervous? Why?

Question 2 -- Getting Into Scripture

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 together as a group. I pointed out that the gifts are described as "diversities" -- meaning they don't all look the same, and God uses our unique personalities and backgrounds as He flows through us. What does that tell us about how God sees each of us individually? How does that change the way you think about whether you could ever be used in a gift of the Spirit?

Question 3 -- Going a Little Deeper

I talked about the purpose of the gifts -- that they are always meant for "the profit of all" -- for edification, exhortation, and comfort. Think about a time when a word of encouragement, a timely phone call, or someone's prayer came at exactly the right moment in your life. Looking back, could that have been a gift of the Spirit at work? What did it mean to you?

Question 4 -- Honest Conversation

I was pretty transparent about the fact that gifts can sometimes be misused -- people can miss it, go too long, or even speak from their flesh rather than the Spirit. Has a negative experience with the gifts -- either personally or something you've witnessed -- ever caused you to pull back from being open to them? How do we stay open to the genuine without becoming afraid of the counterfeit?

Question 5 -- Prayer and the Gifts

I made a strong connection between praying in the Holy Spirit and the gifts beginning to flow. I said, "I don't know of a better way to get these gifts to flow through you than getting over in the Spirit and becoming a person of prayer in the Holy Ghost." How would you honestly describe your current prayer life? What is one thing that gets in the way of you pressing deeper into prayer?

Question 6 -- Personal Application

Read 1 Corinthians 14:1 again: "Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts." The word pursue means to actively chase after something -- it's not passive. What would it look like practically for YOU to pursue love AND desire the gifts this week? What is one step you could take?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

One specific, achievable action for this week:

> This week, set aside 10-15 minutes each day to pray in the Holy Spirit -- and then pause in silence for 2-3 minutes and pay attention to any impression, picture, scripture, or sense of burden you receive. Write it down in a notebook or on your phone. At the end of the week, look back at your notes and ask yourself: "Did God show me something about a person or situation I could pray for or reach out to?" Then act on it -- send a text, make a call, or pray specifically for what you received.

(Leader note: Encourage your group to share what happened the following week. This builds faith when people see God moving even in small ways!)

6. PRAYER POINTS

Close your group time by praying together over these specific items:

1. Pray for our upcoming revival meetings -- that the Spirit of God would move powerfully, that the gifts would flow freely, and that people would be saved, healed, and set free. Ask God to prepare every heart in our church to receive and respond.
 2. Pray for a hunger for prayer -- ask God to stir up a genuine desire in each group member to press deeper into praying in the Spirit, and that through that prayer, the gifts of God would begin to bubble up and flow in their daily lives.
 3. Pray for boldness without pride -- ask God to give each person the humility to be a clean, open vessel, and the courage to step out in faith when the Holy Spirit prompts them -- whether at church, at work, in the grocery store, or with family.
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7. MEMORY VERSE

> 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV)

> "Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."

Write it on a sticky note. Put it on your bathroom mirror. Say it out loud every morning this week.

Leader, thank you for investing in your group. You are doing kingdom work. -- Pastor Mirek