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WEEK 1: THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

Pastor discussed the significant role of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. He emphasizes that God's presence is essential for life, profoundly affecting individuals and communities, especially after the loss stemming from sin. The sermon highlights that the Old Testament is rich with instances of the Holy Spirit's work, but it was not until Pentecost that the Spirit would live within believers, offering a deeper relationship with God. Ultimately, the message calls for understanding and embracing the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, rather than relying solely on personal strength.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

John 14:16-17

Ezekiel 36:26-27

Joel 2:28-29

Acts 1:4-5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 The sermon emphasizes the importance of presence, likening it to the joy and love shared in relationships, and how we often miss the presence of loved ones.

- a. What does the concept of 'presence' mean to you, and why do you think it is important in both our relationships with others and with God?
- b. Can you think of a time when someone's presence made a difference in your life?

2 How does the role of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament differ from what was promised in the New Testament, according to the sermon?

- a. How does knowing this difference impact your understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in your life today?

3 The sermon refers to **John 14** where Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit as a helper who will abide with believers.

- a. Reflecting on **John 14:15-17**, what does it mean to you that the Holy Spirit is described as a 'helper' who will be with us forever?
- b. In what areas of your life do you feel you need help from the Holy Spirit right now?

4 Six movements of the Spirit are identified in the OT, including divine power, leadership, and prophetic ministry, showing the Spirit's active role throughout the Old Testament.

- a. How did the Holy Spirit demonstrate divine power in the Old Testament, and what are some specific examples?
- b. In what ways did the Holy Spirit guide leadership and prophetic ministry throughout the Old Testament?

5 Read **Ezekiel 36:26-27**.

- a. How do you interpret the promise made in Ezekiel where God will give a new heart and Spirit to His people, and what does this mean for our relationship with God?



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WEEK 2: GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

Pastor emphasized the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in believers' lives, differentiating between mere information and true transformation. He highlighted that spiritual gifts are manifestations of the Spirit's grace, intended for the common good and empowering the church. Using insights from Paul's writings, he explained that all spiritual gifts are given through the same Spirit and are vital for building up the body of Christ. We were encouraged to embrace and utilize the spiritual gifts we have been given, reminding us that the Spirit's work leads to healing, restoration, and renewal.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

John 7:37-38

Acts 2:1-4

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

1 Peter 4:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1** What does it mean to be a “Person of the Spirit,” and how can we identify those qualities in ourselves or others?
 - a. In what ways can you encourage yourself and others to grow in the characteristics of being a “Person of the Spirit” and what may be a hindrance in your life from being a “Person of the Spirit?”
- 2** Why do you think Paul emphasizes the need for the Holy Spirit for true transformation in a believer’s life?
 - a. Can you think of a personal experience where you felt a real transformation took place in your life due to the Holy Spirit?
- 3** What role do spiritual gifts play in the church according to the sermon, and why are they important?
 - a. How can you use your spiritual gifts to contribute positively to your church community?
- 4** Read and reflect on **John 7:37-38**. What does it mean when Jesus says that rivers of living water will flow from our inner being?
 - a. How can you be more open to letting the Spirit flow through you in your daily life?
- 5** What are some common misconceptions people have about spiritual gifts, and how can we better understand their purpose?
 - a. How can you distinguish between your natural abilities and spiritual gifts, and what steps can you take to develop the gifts you’ve been given?

DIVE DEEPER

Personal Reflection: Take a deep breath and read...

Take a moment to reflect on the Holy Spirit’s work in your life.

Transformation vs. Information:

- **Inner Change:** Recall a time when the Holy Spirit truly transformed you. How did it change your heart and actions?



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WEEK 3: THE SPIRIT'S ROLE/PURPOSE IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

Pastor continued his series on the Holy Spirit, focusing on His role and purpose in the life of believers. He emphasized that the Spirit works within the innermost being for true life transformation, highlighting the importance of spiritual gifts as manifestations of grace for the common good. Pastor unpacked various gifts listed in Scripture, noting that all believers can receive gifts like wisdom and knowledge to serve one another. He encouraged openness to the Spirit's guidance, sharing personal testimonies of how these gifts have impacted his life and ministry.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

1 Corinthians 12:7

Ephesians 4:11-12

Romans 12:6

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 The sermon emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life, highlighting transformation and growth from within.

- a. Have you experienced that transformation? Are there areas that The Lord is trying to encourage you to give to Him?
- b. In what ways can you actively seek to connect with the Holy Spirit in your everyday decisions or challenges?

2 How can we interpret the term "charisma" as a movement of grace in relation to spiritual gifts, as mentioned in the sermon?

- a. Does this interpretation of "charisma" help clarify your understanding of spiritual gifts? If so, in what way?
- b. Can you identify specific times in your life when you felt you received a gift or support from others that you believe was a movement of grace?

3 The sermon discusses how each spiritual gift serves the "common good" and supports a diverse church community.

- a. According to **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**, what are some ways the gifts of the Spirit are meant to benefit the community of believers?
- b. How do you think the gifts you have can contribute to the well-being of your friends, family, or church community?

4 What is the significance of the "word of wisdom" and "word of knowledge" as described in the sermon?

- a. Have you ever experienced or witnessed a moment when someone offered wise advice that deeply impacted a situation? Share that experience.

5 How can the concept of a "healthy church" as a diverse church with multiple gifts manifest in your local community?

- a. What steps can you personally take to foster diversity of gifts and talents among the people you interact with in your small group or community?



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WEEK 4: THE MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF 1 CORINTHIANS 12

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

In today's sermon, Pastor discussed the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit as detailed in **1 Corinthians 12**, focusing on faith, healing, miracles, and prophecy. He emphasized that the gift of faith is essential for activating the other gifts, serving as an encouragement for others in difficult situations. Pastor highlighted that healing reflects God's love and desire to restore individuals, while miracles demonstrate His power to alter natural laws. Lastly, he explained the nature of prophecy, outlining its purpose in the New Testament as a means of edification, exhortation, and consolation for believers.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

1 Corinthians 12:9-10

Matthew 17:20

James 5:14-15

1 Corinthians 14:1

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1** What does the “gift of faith” mean, and how is it different from regular faith that we might experience in our everyday lives?
 - a. Have you ever had an experience a situation in your life where the gift of faith came into play? What was it and how did it help?
 - b. Can you think of a time when your faith helped someone else in a tough situation? How did that impact both of you?

- 2** How does the concept of divine healing relate to the miracles of Jesus, and why is it important for us today?
 - a. Have you or someone you know experienced healing in a personal way? How did that experience affect your understanding of faith and healing?

- 3** What role does the gift of prophecy play in our understanding of God’s message for us today?
 - a. Do you feel comfortable sharing what you believe God might be saying to someone else? How can you prepare yourself to do this?

- 4** Why is it significant that the gift of miracles involves altering or suspending the laws of nature, and what does this tell us about God’s power?
 - a. How do you view challenges in your life—do you see them as opportunities for God to move in the miraculous? Why or why not?

- 5** In what ways can we cultivate the gifts of the Spirit, especially faith, healing, and prophecy, in our church community and beyond?
 - a. What is one step you can take this week to encourage someone else in your circle, based on the gifts discussed?



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WEEK 5: THE MIRACULOUS GIFTS OF 1 CORINTHIANS 12

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

In part five of the sermon series on the work of the Holy Spirit, Pastor discusses the miraculous gifts mentioned in **1 Corinthians 12**, focusing on discerning spirits and the gift of tongues. He explains the importance of discerning between demonic, angelic, and human spirits, citing Jesus and Paul's examples of recognizing spiritual influences. The sermon also covers the three types of tongues—private prayer language, public prophetic use requiring interpretation, and worship—emphasizing that love should be the guiding principle for all spiritual gifts. Ultimately, Pastor encourages the congregation to seek a deeper understanding of these gifts while fostering unity and love within the church community.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

1 Corinthians 12:7

1 Corinthians 14:1

1 Corinthians 14:18

1 Corinthians 14:26-28

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

What does it mean to “discern spirits,” and why is this gift particularly important in our lives today?

- a. Can you think of a time when you had to make a judgment about someone’s intentions? How could discerning spirits have helped in that situation?

2

How did Jesus and Paul demonstrate the ability to discern human spirits differently from how we might perceive people today?

- a. Reflect on your own relationships—do you try to understand the deeper aspects of people, or do you often take what they show on the surface at face value?

3

What are the three types of tongues mentioned in the sermon, and how are they different from each other?

- a. Which type of tongue do you feel is most relevant to your personal prayer life or church experience, and why?

4

How does the context of love influence the use of spiritual gifts, especially speaking in tongues, according to the sermon?

- a. In what ways can you ensure that your actions and gifts, whether in church or daily life, are motivated by love?

5

Why is it significant that the sermon included the verses about Jesus knowing what was in man (**John 2:23-25**), and how does it relate to our understanding of discernment?

- a. How can you develop the ability to understand others more deeply in your own life? What practical steps can you take?

DIVE DEEPER

Personal Reflection: Take a deep breath and read...

1 Corinthians 13:1 (NLT): *“If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.”*



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