

THE HOLY SPIRIT



May 30, 2021
“Spiritual Gifts”

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, fill us with power of your Holy Spirit that we may be your witnesses with our words and our actions. We pray that you would reveal to us the gifts you have given us and that you would give us the courage to use those gifts to make a difference in the church and in our world. We pray all this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Galatians 12:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

⁸ “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

INTRODUCTION

Before Jesus ascends back to heaven, he tells his followers that they must be “His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” In other words, they need to be his witnesses everywhere they go. These instructions are meant for every generation of Jesus followers ever since. But we can’t possibly be His witnesses by our own strength. Well, Jesus had a solution to that.

The Holy Spirit gives every Jesus follower Spiritual gifts so that we can do God’s work on earth. There are many different types of gifts that empower us to be His witnesses. Our job, as Christians, is to discover these gifts and then put them to use in the church. Everybody is called to be a somebody in the church. This week discover your spiritual gifts and then put them to use.

QUESTIONS

- 1) Memorial Day is the unofficial kick off of summer. What are you looking forward to the most this summer?
- 2) Did you have a clear understanding about Spiritual Gifts before the sermon? Is there something you learned from the message about Spiritual Gifts you did not know before?
- 3) Read Romans 12:6-8 on page 1. Are you clear about which of these gifts the Spirit has given you?
- 4) How are you using those gifts to serve and build up the body of Christ?
- 5) Read Acts 1:8 on page 1. Jesus was clear about his outward focused mission. How are you using your Spiritual Gifts to reach people for Christ?

FINAL APPLICATION

This week discover your Spiritual Gifts and develop a plan to use them.