



The Holy Spirit Speaks Through the Church

How has the Holy Spirit gifted you?

How is the Holy Spirit using you to reach and minister to others?

You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! (Acts 7:51)

I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; He can do only what He sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. (John 5:19)

My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I, too, am working. (John 5:17)

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

How do you recognize your Spiritual Gift?

1. Pray and ask God to increase your _____.
2. Look around and seek opportunities to _____.
3. Observe how other believers serve using their _____.

4. Ask those you're serving with to help you _____ your Spiritual gifts.

5. _____ your gifts even more, and the Lord will be glorified.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

KNOWING YOUR MINISTRY S.H.A.P.E.

1. Spiritual Gifts
2. Hear't's Passion
3. Abilities
4. Personality
5. Experiences

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Pastor James talked about the Church being empowered by the Holy Spirit in this week's message. These questions will give your small group a chance to talk about the difference it makes when believers get acquainted with their spiritual gifts.

1. Pastor James said "In the Church, it is the Holy Spirit Who empowers believers with spiritual gifts to live out a supernatural life, to walk in the Spirit, and to bear the fruit of God's Spirit." What happens in a church if Christ-followers are not living a Spirit-led life and how does that affect the Church?
2. **Acts 7:51** refers to "stiff-necked people." Have you ever refused to do a ministry where the Spirit had been leading you because you desire a different type of gift or talent? Talk about that experience.
3. The Word states that there are different kinds of giftings and works (see **1 Corinthians 12:4-7**). Why is it important to be the best **you** for the Lord's sake instead of trying to be someone else?
4. Talk about how Pastor James said you can discover your spiritual gifts: Praying in earnest, seeking opportunities to learn where God wants to use you for the furthering of His kingdom. Take a spiritual gifts test. Ask a trusted pastor or mentor to speak into your life. Try helping in different ministries to find where you fit.
5. If every believer around NCF were using their spiritual gifts at church and in the rest of life, what would that look like and what difference would it make?