Grateful for Spiritual Gifts

Small Group Handout • November 8, 2026 • Joy in Thanksgiving

Read together 1 Corinthians 12 • Follow through 1 Corinthians 13:1–3; 14:1

Key verse "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." 1 Corinthians 12:31 (KJV)

Paul taught the Corinthian church that spiritual gifts come from the same Spirit and are given for the good of the whole church (1 Corinthians 12:4–7). These are works of God's Spirit through believers. We seek them to glorify Jesus and minister to others, with love guiding how we serve.

The nine gifts include revelation gifts—word of wisdom, word of knowledge, and discerning of spirits; power gifts—faith, gifts of healing, and working of miracles; and vocal gifts—prophecy, divers kinds of tongues, and interpretation of tongues (verses 8–10). The Spirit distributes them according to His will. A message in tongues to the gathered church requires interpretation so the church can understand and be edified (1 Corinthians 14:27–28).

Paul compared the church to a body with many members. Every member is needed, including those who seem less noticeable. We are called to care for one another, share one another's suffering, and rejoice when others are honored (1 Corinthians 12:12–27). With gratitude and humility, we can earnestly desire spiritual gifts while remaining unified and following the more excellent way of love.

Discuss Together

1. What does it mean that spiritual gifts are given for the benefit of the whole church? How should that shape our motives for seeking them?
2. Which of the spiritual gifts would you like to understand better? Share an experience, if you have one, when a gift of the Spirit strengthened you or someone else.
3. Why does Paul compare the church to a body? How can we value and encourage people whose roles or gifts differ from our own?
4. What fears or distractions might keep us from responding to the Spirit? What step can you take this week to seek His gifts and serve others in love?

Take a Step

This week I will: _____

Pray Together

Thank God for His gifts. Ask Him to fill us with the Holy Ghost, work through us to strengthen His church, and help us serve together in humility, unity, and love.