



# HOLY SPIRIT

Bible study for the week starting May 10, 2020  
The Holy Spirit: The Helper

## SHARE

1. Spend a few minutes thinking/talking about how you see the Holy Spirit “coming alongside” you in order to equip you and then send you out (the illustration in the sermon was teaching a child to ride a bicycle).

## READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read John 14:25-27 and 15:26-16:1. Jesus is preparing His disciples for what He is about to suffer, and then for His physical departure. What is it (you are welcome to read more surrounding verses in John 14-15-16) about Jesus’ promise of the Holy Spirit that makes it such a powerful promise?
3. It’s Mothers’ Day. All too often throughout history (and currently in *many* cultures), a woman’s role has been looked at as subordinate, and we have seen countless instances of mistreatment as a result. Jesus revolutionized the treatment of women, both in how He spoke and the example He set. All this to say, the word “helper” in Scripture isn’t a term of inferiority, just as the Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son. How can this help to form a worldview where we honor the women in our lives? (Sorry, long question, but hopefully you get where I’m going.)
4. Read Galatians 5:22-25 for a list of the *fruit* of the Holy Spirit. Then read Ephesians 4:11 and 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 for list of the *gifts* of the Holy Spirit. And for a list of the *blessings* of the Holy Spirit, a good summary is the explanation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> article of the Apostles’ Creed in Luther’s Small Catechism: He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, keeps in the faith, and on the last day He will raise me and give me eternal life. How do all these feed the goal of the Helper’s work in John 16:1?

## PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER!

5. We have much about which we can pray, and time to do so. Make a list of people and petitions, and spend some time talking with God. God bless your week!



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## The Holy Spirit: The Helper!

John 14:25-27; 15:26-16:1

May 10, 2020 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

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The Holy Spirit comes alongside me to **HELP** me, but not to **CODDLE** me.

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will **TEACH** you all things and bring to your **REMEMBRANCE** all that I have said to you” (John 14:26).

“Paraclete” = one who is called **ALONGSIDE**

Judgment – when and how to stop – balance – let go

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

-Romans 8:1

When is the right time?

The Holy Spirit is going to:

call me out – open my eyes – show me the way

The Holy Spirit reminds us of all the things Jesus **DID** and **SAID**.

**FRUIT** and **GIFTS** and **BLESSINGS**

(see LIFEwork Bible Study resources at [sjlchurch.org/sermons](http://sjlchurch.org/sermons))

HOW TO TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

**Step 1:** Respond to the spiritual gifts statements by writing the number that indicates how each statement (1-72) describes you in the blanks on the third page:

- 1 - Almost never**
- 2 - Seldom**
- 3 - Sometimes**
- 4 - Frequently**
- 5 - Almost always**

Allow yourself several minutes to answer all questions before moving on to other steps.

**Step 2:** Add up each row from left to right on the third page and place the totaled number in the total column.

**Step 3:** Identify your three to five highest totaled numbers with the corresponding letter and the spiritual gift it represents (listed on the pages following the assessment.)

**Step 4:** Read about your gifts.

**Step 5:** Connect with Stacey Persons and a LIFEGroup or Bible Study that complements your personality, highest rated spiritual gifts and availability to serve.



### SPIRITUAL GIFTS QUESTIONS

1. I like organizing services and events.
2. I enjoy starting new churches.
3. Working with my hands is fun for me.
4. I can tell when someone is insincere.
5. I pray for the lost daily.
6. Encouraging others is a high priority in my life.
7. Believing God for our daily needs is important to me.
8. Influencing others for the kingdom of God through finances is extremely important to me.
9. I look for opportunities to pray for the sick.
10. I enjoy doing the little things that others do not.
11. Having people over to my house is something I do often.
12. Spending hours in prayer for other people is very enjoyable to me.
13. Education is very important to me.
14. I tend to motivate others to get involved.
15. My heart hurts when I see others hurting.
16. I believe God will use me to enact His miracles.
17. I enjoy sharing the gospel with other people groups and nationalities.
18. I've devoted considerable time to mastering my voice and or instrument.
19. Caring for the hurting is paramount in my eyes.
20. The willful sin of others really aggravates me.
21. I enjoy serving behind the scenes.
22. I look for opportunities to teach others God's Word.
23. God has used me to interpret a heavenly language.
24. I enjoy reading the book of Proverbs.
25. I am passionate about managing details.
26. I prefer to pioneer new ministry projects.
27. I consider myself a craftsman or craftswoman.
28. I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy.
29. I am greatly concerned about seeing the lost saved.
30. I try to come across loving and caring.
31. Asking God for a list of big things is exciting to me.
32. I find ways to give offerings above my tithe.
33. I believe miraculous healing is for this day and age.
34. Helping others is one of my highest achievements.
35. Creating a warm and welcoming home is important to me.
36. I am burdened to pray for situations in the world.

37. People seek me out to learn more about the Kingdom of God.
38. I prefer to take the lead whenever necessary.
39. I'm very sensitive to sad stories.
40. Miracles often happen when I'm nearby.
41. Living in another country to benefit the gospel is exciting to me.
42. I desire to serve the church through worship.
43. I enjoy connecting, caring for, and coaching others.
44. Confronting someone with sin in their life is not hard.
45. It bothers me when people sit around and do nothing.
46. I share Biblical truth with others in hopes of their personal growth.
47. I pray in tongues daily.
48. When I study scripture, God gives me unique insights.
49. Creating a task list is easy and enjoyable for me.
50. I am attracted to ministries that start new churches.
51. Building something with my hands is very rewarding to me.
52. I can pinpoint issues or problems before others.
53. I enjoy sharing the gospel with a total stranger.
54. I look for ways to be an encouragement to other people.
55. I trust that God has my back in every situation.
56. Making more money means that I can give more.
57. God has used me to bring healing to those who are sick.
58. Being a part of the process is fulfilling to me.
59. I tend to make total strangers feel at home.
60. People often describe me as a prayer warrior.
61. I enjoy knowing biblical details and helping others to understand.
62. I delegate responsibilities to accomplish tasks.
63. I am motivated to help those who are less fortunate.
64. I have a constant hunger to see God's miraculous power.
65. I focus a lot on reaching the world for Christ.
66. I gain my deepest satisfaction through leading others in vocal or instrumental worship.
67. I enjoy walking with someone in times of difficulty.
68. I enjoy hearing passionate and clear preaching of the truth.
69. I like to do small things that others pass over.
70. I like to teach others.
71. Praying in the Spirit is encouraging and important to me.
72. When faced with difficulty I tend to make wise decisions and choices.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS RATINGS

			Total	Gifts
1. _____	25. _____	49. _____	_____	A. _____
2. _____	26. _____	50. _____	_____	B. _____
3. _____	27. _____	51. _____	_____	C. _____
4. _____	28. _____	52. _____	_____	D. _____
5. _____	29. _____	53. _____	_____	E. _____
6. _____	30. _____	54. _____	_____	F. _____
7. _____	31. _____	55. _____	_____	G. _____
8. _____	32. _____	56. _____	_____	H. _____
9. _____	33. _____	57. _____	_____	I. _____
10. _____	34. _____	58. _____	_____	J. _____
11. _____	35. _____	59. _____	_____	K. _____
12. _____	36. _____	60. _____	_____	L. _____
13. _____	37. _____	61. _____	_____	M. _____
14. _____	38. _____	62. _____	_____	N. _____
15. _____	39. _____	63. _____	_____	O. _____
16. _____	40. _____	64. _____	_____	P. _____
17. _____	41. _____	65. _____	_____	Q. _____
18. _____	42. _____	66. _____	_____	R. _____
19. _____	43. _____	67. _____	_____	S. _____
20. _____	44. _____	68. _____	_____	T. _____
21. _____	45. _____	69. _____	_____	U. _____
22. _____	46. _____	70. _____	_____	V. _____
23. _____	47. _____	71. _____	_____	W. _____
24. _____	48. _____	72. _____	_____	X. _____

**What are your top 3 Spiritual Gifts?**

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## Gift Definitions and Scripture References

The following contains definitions of the Spiritual gifts. While not meant to be dogmatic or final, these definitions and supporting Scriptures do correspond to characteristics of the gifts as expressed in the Gifts Questionnaire. The list following the supporting Scripture provides suggested teams with serving environments where the corresponding gifts can be most effective.

### A. ADMINISTRATION

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks.

Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28

**Kidz Ministry, Sound Booth, Ushers, Altar Guild**

### B. APOSTLESHIP

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training.

Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14

**LIFEgroup Leader, Mission Team, Bible Study Leader, Student Ministry (SSM)**

### C. CRAFTSMANSHIP

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications.

Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3

**Worship Set Building, Building and Ground Trustees, Disaster Relief, Mission Team**

### D. DISCERNMENT

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish between right and wrong motives and situations.

Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; 1 John 4:1-6

**LIFEgroup Leader, Prayer Team, Bible Study Leader**

### E. EVANGELISM

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born-again Christian.

Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14

**LIFEgroup Leader, Prayer Team, Mission Team, Usher, Reader**

### F. EXHORTATION

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth.

Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25

**LIFEgroup Leader, Kidz Ministry, Bible Study Leader, Reader**

### G. FAITH

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life.

Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11

**All Teams**

### H. GIVING

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth.

Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7

**All Teams**

## **I. HEALING**

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical and mental illnesses.

Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28

**Stephen's Ministry, Prayer Team**

## **J. HELPS**

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry.

Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Cor. 12:28

**Altar Guild, St. John's Nursery, Student Ministry (SSM), Special Event Volunteer, Usher, Chair Stuffer, Info Center, Cart Driver, Hebrews Coffee, Front Desk Volunteer, Building and Ground Trustee**

## **K. HOSPITALITY**

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church.

Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9

**LIFEGroup Host, Usher, Info Desk, Kidz Ministry, Hebrews Coffee, Student Ministry (SSM), Front Desk Volunteer, Special Event Volunteer**

## **L. INTERCESSION**

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace, believing for profound results.

Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12-13; James 5:14-16

**Prayer Team, LIFEGroup Leader, Bible Study Leader, Stephen's Ministry**

## **M. KNOWLEDGE**

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often accompanied by a word from God.

Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3

**LIFEGroup Leader, Bible Study Leader**

## **N. LEADERSHIP**

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea.

Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17

**LIFEGroup Leader, Student Ministry (SSM), Kidz Ministry, Bible Study Leader**

## **O. MERCY**

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way.

Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:14

**LIFEGroup Leader, Stephen Ministry**

## **P. MIRACLES**

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction.

Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

**Prayer Team, Stephen Ministry**

## **Q. MISSIONARY**

The gift of missions is the divine strength or ability to reach others outside of your culture and nationality.

Acts 8:4, 13:2-3, 22:21; Romans 10:15

**LIFEGroup Leader, Student Ministry (SSM), Kidz Ministry, Mission Team**



## **R. MUSIC / WORSHIP**

The gift of music/worship is the divine strength or ability to sing, dance, or play an instrument primarily for the purpose of helping others worship God.

Deuteronomy 31:22; 1 Samuel 16:16; 1 Chronicles 16:41-42; 2 Chronicles 5:12-13, 34:12; Psalm 150

**Worship Team, Choir, Handbells, Sound Booth**

## **S. PASTOR / SHEPHERD**

The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others.

John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3

**LIFEgroup Leader, Stephen Ministry, Student Ministry (SSM), Kidz Ministry, Kidz Ministry Nursery, Bible Study Leader**

## **T. PROPHECY**

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, in some cases foretelling God's plan.

Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29;

1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5

**LIFEgroup Leader, Prayer Team, Bible Study Leader, Reader**

## **U. SERVICE**

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ.

Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18

**Kidz Ministry, Usher, Info Center, Altar Guild, Cart Driver, Prayer Team, Chair Stuffer, Front Desk Volunteer, Hebrews Coffee, Building and Ground Trustee**

## **V. TEACHING**

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians.

Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14

**LIFEgroup Leader, Bible Study Leader, Kidz Ministry, Student Ministry SSM**

## **W. TONGUES (and Interpretation)**

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately.

Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14

**Prayer Team, LIFEgroup Leader**

## **X. WISDOM**

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to apply the truths of Scripture in a practical way, producing the fruitful outcome and character of Jesus Christ.

Acts 6:3, 10; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, 12:8

**Prayer Team, LIFEgroup Leader**