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# spiritual gifts

there are different  
kinds of gifts, but  
the same Spirit  
distributes them

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4

## Sunday March 3rd

### LET'S TALK:

Recall a time when someone told you to 'just have faith'. What was your response?

POWER Gifts demonstrate the power, presence and reality of God.

As Jon was describing the first 3 of the 10 power gifts; Faith, Discernment and Miracles in the sermon, which one(s) did you find you now understand better? In what ways?

### GO TO THE WORD:

Read Acts 5:1-11.

This passage is an example of Peter discerning spirits. Ananias and Sapphira were likely moved by Barnabas' example in the previous verses. The difference was motivation. Why do you think these verses are included in this book? What does this passage teach you about the Holy Spirit?

Read Acts 6:7-8; 8:6-8 and 9:40-42.

Which Christ followers are mentioned in these three scriptures? What miracles (if mentioned) happened? Discuss what stands out to you in each of these accounts.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.

How are you applying verses 7 and 11 as you seek to understand your own gifting and that of those around you? Identify and commit to something you sense the Spirit is leading you to do in obedience to this text.

## **WHAT NOW:**

Read through these helpful definitions. Do you find yourself resonating with one or more of these power gifts? Who else do you know has these gifts?

Faith is the ability to see something that God wants done and to sustain unwavering confidence that God will do it regardless of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. Definition by Leslie B. Flynn.

The discerning of spirits gift is the ability to perceive issues in terms of spiritual truth, to know the fundamental source of the issues and to give judgement concerning those issues; this includes the recognition of the spiritual forces operating. Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

Works of power (miracles) is the supernatural ability to have spiritual authority over nature or the demonic.

All spiritual gifts are given after we become Christians. If your supernatural insight or power existed previous to the beginning of your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, than the source of power is not God. Are you willing to give up any ability or anything you have, so you can be truly free?

## **PRAY:**

Dedicate your gifts to God for His glory and for the good of the body of Christ. Pray also that the conversations about the gifts among groups are marked by love, truth, grace, and curiosity.

## **BEFORE NEXT TIME, ON YOUR OWN:**

Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-33.

What specific components of a worship gathering are mentioned in these verses?

In what ways does this passage highlight some of the approach to Spiritual Gifts Jon has been sharing about?

How could this passage be used to encourage us to deepen the connection and interdependence between individual believers and the rest of the church?