

serving/helps
admin
mercy
giving
teaching
exhortation
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pastor
evangelist
prophecy
gifts of tongues
interpretation of tongues
intercession
faith
discernment of spirits
healing
works of power
words of knowledge/wisdom
celibacy

spiritual gifts

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

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4

Sunday March 10th

LET'S TALK:

Take time for 1 or 2 group members to share about a time when praying with others significantly impacted their personal walk with Jesus.

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

As Jon was describing the second 3 of the 10 power gifts; Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues and Intercession in the sermon, which one(s) did you find you now understand better? In what ways?

GO TO THE WORD:

Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-2, 22 and 26-28.

Based on the doctrinal instructions Paul writes, name all the ways that the Corinthians were misusing the gift of tongues. How can tongues be a sign for unbelievers? Discuss a time you saw tongues used in a gathering. Was your experience positive or negative? And Why?

Read 1 Corinthians 14:13-17.

What is the chief purpose of the gift of tongues? Why does one's spirit pray, but their mind is unfruitful when praying in a tongue? What does the gift of interpretation enable others to do?

Read Acts 1:8.

In what ways have you experienced and are you experiencing the power generating presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

WHAT NOW:

Jon taught that Intercessory prayer is selfless prayer, even self-giving prayer. He explained 3 styles of intercessors: those who pray through a 'list', those prompted to pray for an urgent need or 'crisis' and those called to intercede for a movement, person, project as an 'assignment'. Discuss these styles and recall a time when you have witnessed or experienced them. Who in your life has the gift of intercession? Commit to giving them an opportunity to intercede according to their style on your behalf.

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?

The gift of Tongues allows one to “speak, worship, or pray in a language unknown to the speaker”.
Definition by Bruce Bugbee.

The Interpretation of Tongues is the “ability to spontaneously respond to a giving of an authoritative message in tongues by interpreting this word and clearly communicating the message given”. Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

Intercession is the special ability to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers, to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian. Definition by C. Peter Wagner.

PRAY:

Pray for each group member and the gifts they have identified. Pray for opportunities to use these gifts to serve the body and bring glory to the name of Jesus.

BEFORE NEXT TIME, ON YOUR OWN:

Read Acts 10:1-48.

This passage recounts a significant event in the early Church during the time when there were strong opinions about whether or not Gentiles were even eligible for faith in Christ and inclusion in the Church. What did God do in that situation? Have you experienced or heard of anything similar in our day? How have these sessions on Spiritual Disciplines and Spiritual Gifts affected your view of the way Christians should act and live?