

Kingdom Ambassadors
Kingdom Gifts - **Unveiling of the Bride**

Preamble

- Grateful for the journey so far
 - For the faith - Whether it was the courage to come to Wolverhampton, etc
 - Obedience - Radically yes to the leading of Jesus
 - Sacrifice - That's how our kingdom works!
 - Willingness to follow Jesus wherever he took them
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- Esther & I - We are also grateful for the last 20 years, The faithfulness of God

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. [23] They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

- Grateful to the Lord for his faithfulness
- Grateful for the people we have journeyed with
- Thankful for the journey

Introduction - Prophetic picture of this season

Two years ago we renovated our home

- At first we were excited

The Unveiling of the Bride - Let my people grow (GO)

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.” **Luke 4:18-19**

The Spirit of the Lord is on me

- Proclaiming good news
- Proclaiming freedom for those who are bound
- Proclaiming recovery of sight for those who can't see
- To set the oppressed free
- To proclaim the year of the Lord favour

Scattered Church - Scattered Servants

And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. [2] Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. [3] But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. [4] Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they

went. [5] Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. [6] When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. [7] For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. [8] So there was great joy in that city. **Acts 8:1-8**

- Great persecution - All except the Apostles were scattered
- Godly men buried and mourned for Stephen
- Persecution was great
- The scattered preached the word wherever they went
- Proclaimed Jesus, the Messiah
- They heard Philip and saw the signs he performed
- Deliverance, healing, creative miracles
- Great joy

Holy Spirit brings Gifts

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. [8] To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, [9] to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, [10] to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. [11] All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Application

1. What does this passage tell us about God

- He desires to use all people - It's your time, this is why you are on the earth
 - Kingdom come in you and flows from you
- Holy Spirit dwells in you - Available to all

2. What does this passage tell us about humanity

- Great need, Great brokenness
- Open to the Lord
- Waiting for the message of Christ

3. What will I do

- Be filled with Holy Spirit
- Live a Holy Spirit Life - Surrender to him
- Step out in faith as he leads

4. Who will I share it with

Pray now and ask the Lord to show you who?