

A watercolor illustration of a mountain landscape. In the foreground, several dark green evergreen trees are scattered across the scene. In the background, a range of mountains is depicted with soft, blended colors of blue, purple, and green, suggesting a misty or hazy atmosphere. The sky is a pale, light blue. On the right side, a small yellow bird is perched on a branch of a tree. The overall style is soft and artistic, typical of watercolor painting.

# **WELCOME!**

**Connection cards**

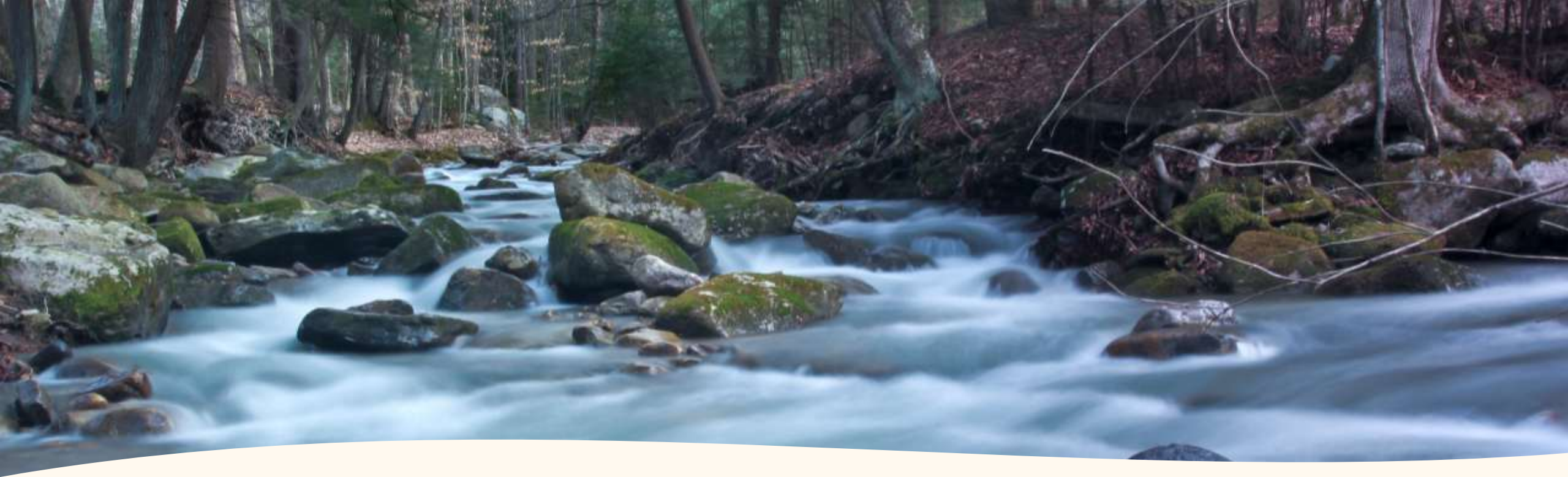




# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

*Building up the Body of Christ*





## John 7:37–39

<sup>37</sup> On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, **rivers of living water will flow from within them.**” <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. NIV

# Three reasons the Gifts of the Spirit are still needed today:

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- **Building up the Body of Christ**

**1 Corinthians 12:7**

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” NIV





## Ephesians 4:11–16

<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to **equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,** <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> **Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,** <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. ESV



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Acts 17:6

“And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have **turned the world upside down** have come here also,” ESV



# Three reasons the Gifts of the Spirit are still needed today:

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- Building up the Body of Christ
- That the world may know God
- To walk with God in His purposes

***“The will of God requires the Spirit of God...”***





## **John 14:12-17**

**<sup>12</sup>Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.**

**<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. NIV**



As we head into this series reflect prayerfully on this question:

***Where in my life and in my involvement at church am I engaged in something that requires the Holy Spirit?***

***In other words:***

***Am I living a life with God that requires the Holy Spirit to show up?***

In this series we will seek to move from “**What can I do for God?**” or “**What are my spiritual gifts?**” to “**What does God want to do through me?**” and in faithful pursuit of that you will find yourself stepping into things that require the Holy Spirit and His gifts.





