

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Make Room: Creating Space for the Spirit to Work

Message 5: Spiritual Gifts – Part 1

Speaker: Shawn Vandop

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Connect (30min)

1. Main Street Life & Mission

a. Share highlights from your recent experiences with Main Street Church events, ministries and serving – and how you were encouraged, equipped, or empowered there.

e.g. *Set Free Retreat, Women's Spring Study, Serving on Sunday, or midweek ministries (MSCR, Youth...)*

b. Where/how are you currently serving at MSC? Are there any areas that you're interested in serving in?

What is one area of serving in our community (mission field) that you're engaged in or interested in?

(family, community organization, school, club, sports team, workplace, neighborhood...)

2. **How can we pray for you in your area of serving and local mission?** Pray for one another as a group (3-4 people)

Message Discussion (35min)

1. Message Feedback

a. What jumped out at you from Sunday's message? What thoughts or questions did you walk away with?

b. What's one key thing you've learned from the *Make Room* series so far?

2. Thinking about Main Street Church...

a. What do you perceive to be its greatest strengths as well as its greatest needs. Briefly share.

b. In what specific areas of life and ministry do you most see the need for an infusion of the power of the Holy Spirit?

3. Spiritual Gifts

a. Read [1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#). What is one initial thought or question you have from this scripture?

b. What is a *spiritual gift*? How would you briefly and basically describe it?

c. Shawn shared the following definition of a spiritual gift. What does it tell you about spiritual gifts? Discuss.

"A Spiritual gift is when the Holy Spirit manifests His presence and imparts His power into and through individual believers to enable them to exceed the limitations of their finite humanity so that they might faithfully and effectively fulfill certain ministry tasks that lift up Jesus and build up of the body of Christ."

4. Engaging the Gifts

a. Have you "misunderstood" or felt "misinformed" about *spiritual gifts* at all? Share.

b. How has your understanding or experience changed while being a part of Main Street Church?

c. When you hear the word "supernatural" what comes to mind? Discuss.

Would you ever use the word "supernatural" to describe your walk with God, and why?

d. Do you struggle to believe that all the gifts of the Spirit are valid and operative today?

If so, what are your reasons for believing that? Discuss.

e. What are some reasons why people appear to be afraid of *spiritual gifts* and the presence of the Holy Spirit?

What can be done about it?

5. This week Shawn explained three of the nine gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12. Do you remember what they were? (Gift of Wisdom, Gifts of Special Knowledge and the Discerning of Spirits)

a. What did you learn about these gifts?

b. Have you ever seen them operate in your life? Share.

Challenge & Prayer (25min)

Challenge:

a. Read [1 Corinthians 12:12-18](#).

What part do spiritual gifts play in making sure the body of Christ stays healthy and unified?

b. What is one step you can take this week to become even more open to the *spiritual gifts* God wants to give us?

*Register for our upcoming [Empower Retreat](#) – May 24-25.

Prayer:

a. Prayer for this week:

“God, help me to make room in my heart and life for all that the Holy Spirit has for me and wants to do in me.”

c. Pray for one another:

How can we pray for you in response to the message and discussion?

d. Pray through our **2024 Prayer Goals** as a group:



**20 PRAYER
24 GOALS**

A PASSION TO PRAY. Personally, and corporately. That we would become a church OF prayer.

A FRESH VISITATION of the Holy Spirit that results in a willingness to respond to all He gives us and calls us to.

For at least 200 new people to **ATTEND** our Set Free and Empower Retreats.

That we **MAKE ROOM** for more people to experience wholeness in Christ.