

# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

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

Message 7: Spiritual Gifts – Prophecy

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## Connect (25min)

\*Break into groups of 3-4 people to enhance this sharing and prayer time.

### 1. Word & Spirit. Read [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#).

- How has your life been like a *valley of dry bones* lately? Briefly share one reason.
- How has your life been *formed and strengthened* by the Word of the Lord lately? Share one example.
- How has your life been *revived and empowered* by the Spirit (Breath) of God lately? Share one example.

### 2. P.R.A.Y. Together for Ten. One person time & transition. Use short “popcorn” prayers.

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| P - <i>Pause to be still</i>     | (1min of silent reflection)       |
| R - <i>Rejoice &amp; Reflect</i> | (3min of praise & thanksgiving)   |
| A - <i>Ask</i>                   | (3min of prayer for one another)  |
| Y - <i>Yield</i>                 | (3min of surrender to God’s will) |

## Message Discussion (40min)

### 1. Engaging Spiritual Gifts

- How are you growing in your understanding and engagement of Spiritual Gifts?
- What challenges you from stepping into using Spiritual Gifts?
- What jumped out at you from Sunday’s message? What did you learn or walk away with?

### 2. Prophecy

- Read [Joel 2:28-32](#) – What does this verse tell us about prophecy?  
Read [Acts 2:16-18](#) – What is Peter quoting in his sermon, and why is this connection important?  
What do these two passages tell us about prophecy?  
Why do you think God wants this gift to be evident in the life of His children? What are the benefits?
- Read [1 Thessalonians 5:19-22](#). What does this verse tell and teach us about the gift of prophecy?
- Read [1 Corinthians 14:1-5](#). What jumps out at you from these verses?  
What does verse 3 tell us about the goal and use of the gift of Prophecy?

### 3. The Life-Giving Gift

**“Prophecy is speaking God’s Word into a situation that strengthens, encourages, and comforts others.”**

- When you read this definition do you think you could have been prophetic at times in your life? Discuss.  
Have you ever received this intentional, personal, and biblical kind of message from someone?  
How were you *strengthened, encouraged, or comforted* by God in that experience?
- When you put prophecy in the context of *strengthening, encouraging and comforting others* does it make you more open to stepping into this gift?
- Prophecy involves *learning to listen to God’s voice in your life.***  
What would happen if Christ followers committed to learning to hear the voice of God?  
What would change in your life? What would change around you?

#### 4. Questions to Consider

- a. Shawn gave us three questions to ask when going into any conversation.
  - 1. *What can I say that would help them persevere?* (Strengthening)
  - 2. *What has God said to them that I can confirm?* (Encouragement)
  - 3. *What pain have they experienced that God wants to comfort?* (Comfort)
- b. God uses questions like these to equip you to use the gift of prophecy in your life and relationships. How do you think they could help you serve others?  
What would change in your conversations by asking the Holy Spirit these questions?

#### Practice & Prayer (25min)

- a. **Choose one or two people in your group to pray for.** *“Any volunteers to receive encouragement & prayer?”*
  - \*Have them sit in the middle of the group.
  - \*Let’s listen for what God wants to say to them through our group.
  - \*Invite the Holy Spirit to give you a Scripture, a word, a picture, or an insight that will strengthen, encourage, or comfort. Don’t overthink, just let the Spirit lead. Don’t be afraid to step out. This is how we learn to use the gifts and practice is a great way to grow in this gift.  
(FYI – MSC Staff practice this every Tuesday morning together)
- b. How was this experience for you as a participant or recipient? Share your feedback and questions.  
If you have more time, practice this with others in the group. This is something you can do again in your group.

+ Continue to pray through our **2024 Prayer Goals** this week.

**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.