



Sermon Series: Ghost Stories: Spiritual Gifts

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit gifts each believer a supernatural ability to do God's work on earth.

Main Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:1,4-6

¹Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don't want you to misunderstand this... ⁴There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

Three critical parts to defining spiritual gifts:

- What is a spiritual gift?
- What it is not.
- What's my spiritual gift?

Discussion:

What?

What stood out to you from Dusty's sermon or any questions you might have?

Reread the main passage of the sermon. Paul is speaking to the church in Corinth that has been struggling with the immorality and idol worship present in their city and in some in the church. Why do you think he takes time to teach on spiritual gifts? Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 for an idea.

How would unity amongst the body of the church and everyone doing their part help overcome immorality and idolatry?

It's important to realize how using our spiritual gifts can impact the health of the church. Don't miss that. But also don't miss this: WE ALL HAVE SPIRITUAL GIFTEDNESS. Read verse six again. Who does God work in?

So What?

Based off of Dusty's sermon give it your best try to write out a definition for spiritual gifts:

How does knowing the Holy Spirit equips you with an individual gift affect the way you view yourself and your relationship with the Spirit?

What do you think your primary spiritual gift is?

If you don't know try this: Read Romans 12:6-8. While this isn't an exhaustive list of spiritual gifts are there any that you connect with?

Do What?

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. This passage encourages us to use our spiritual gifts to serve one another and glorify God. If you know what your gift is how has God used it to His benefit? How can your giftedness be used again?

If you don't know what your gift is and would like to learn more contact our Discipleship Minister for a great resource that can help you discover your gifts and figure out how to put your gifts to work for each other and God's glory.

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Scriptures for further study or memorization:

Use these as a reference to help you as you discover the Holy Spirit's power in your lives.

1 Corinthians 12:7,11

⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good... ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Ephesians 4:11-13

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, ⁵ to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 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.

1 Peter 4:10-11

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.