



*"If you grew up in the church you probably have memorized this verse. We could name the fruit of the Spirit, but do we possess them? Are we required to? Are they gifts or are they products of a life lived in reverent obedience to God? Join us as we take an in-depth look at the fruit and how they exhibit themselves in our world today."*

## INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

How have you seen fruit born of the Spirit in your own life of obedience to His leading?

## MEMORY VERSE:

**Galatians 5:22-23**

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## SCRIPTURE READING:

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**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

*"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.*

*4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills."*

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. These lists, are they all encompassing? Is there a hierarchy to them? Are there other fruit that the Spirit gives that aren't mentioned here? What are they?
2. What does Paul say is the purpose of the gifts given to those in the church?
3. Some of the gifts seem more supernatural in nature, are these gifts still given or did these gifts cease after the time of the early church? How do you know?
4. There seems to be a subtext to what Paul is saying in 1 Corinthians- he's teaching something else beyond what the gifts are. What is he teaching this church in Corinth (and us today)?
5. Some of the gifts seem like abilities while others seem like attributes or character traits. Are spiritual gifts tools to use or are they attributes of those who grow in their maturity in Christ?

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. Share a spiritual gift that you believe you have been given. How are you using it for the sake of the body of Christ and bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to bear on this world?
2. Share a spiritual gift that you see in someone else in the group and how it has blessed you.
3. Have you ever been jealous of someone else's gift? Why is this a foolish practice?
4. Speaking in tongues... is it a thing that still occurs or something that only occurred in the time of the early church? How do you know?

## **CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:**

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.