

Life Group Lesson

Week #4 - Made for More

This week, Pastor John and his wife Evelyn shared how the early first century church needed Holy Spirit and how likewise we can and also need to be filled with Holy Spirit on a regular basis in order to bear fruit demonstrated as character in us, as well as to exhibit gifts in order to minister to others. We had a chance to ask Holy Spirit for more and to step into receiving more of the gifts.

For lifegroup curriculum for these next three weeks, we will be delving into 1 Corinthians 12-14 that addresses the gifts of Holy Spirit and what it looks like to live them out in the context of community. While we continue to talk about Holy Spirit out of the book of Acts, we hope that this other scripture will help your lifegroup to dive deeper and give a stronger foundation into what scripture addresses about the gifts of Holy Spirit.

Looking Back

As we ask for Holy Spirit to fill us up, we also want to expect Him to move. Give expectancy for people to be able to notice how Holy Spirit might be moving in their lives. Have there been any unique ways that you've noticed God moving? Likewise, conversations about Holy Spirit can also lead to more questions. What are the things that people in your group are wrestling with? Try to make space in your lifegroup for both of these types of conversations!

FAMILY TIME (20 min)

- Vision Statement: Have a group member explain the vision of your lifegroup. Invite another group member to share your vision piece next time.
- Intro Question: What spiritual gifts do you desire? and/or Which spiritual gifts do you want to understand more about? Why?
- Prayer Requests, Praise Reports and Updates from previous week(s).

Look Up

WORSHIP (15 min)

- Cast Vision for Worship...What it is, why we do it, how we can do it.
- Spend time in worship together.
- Invite your group members to engage in worship and invite Holy Spirit to fill them up:

- Fill Me Up - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmjUjUbonxY>
- Here As in Heaven - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxTc98K9OeU>

**Encourage your group members to engage God's heart for one another during worship and share any affirmations or words of encouragement they receive with each other as Holy Spirit leads. One strategic way to do this on Zoom is through the private message function while worship is ongoing.

Bible Study: Passage - 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (NIV)

12:31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10** but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. **11** When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind

me. **12** For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Open Group Discussion -

1. Why is love considered “the most excellent way”?
2. What are some things that stand out to you about how love is described?
3. What would having a foundation of love look like as we pursue gifts of Holy Spirit?

Looking Forward

Even as we look towards being filled with Holy Spirit more, take some time to ask God to fill you with love. Play the song “For the One” ([For the One \(Lyric Video\) - Brian & Jenn Johnson | After All These Years](#)) and give your group time to ask the Lord what does it look like to walk in love this week, even as we continue to seek being filled with Holy Spirit.

Break into smaller groups to share what walking in love looks like, and take time to pray for one another.

Kids Lesson

In service this Sunday, Pastor John and Evelyn Lo talked about how the Holy Spirit can give us different gifts. How do we use these gifts? Let’s read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a about the key.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a ICB

1 I may speak in different languages of men or even angels. But if I do not have love, then I am only a noisy bell or a ringing cymbal. **2** I may have the gift of prophecy; I may understand all the secret things of God and all knowledge; and I may have faith so great that I can move mountains. But even with all these things, if

I do not have love, then I am nothing. **3** I may give everything I have to feed the poor. And I may even give my body as an offering to be burned.^[a] But I gain nothing by doing these things if I do not have love.

4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud.

5 Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not become angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. **6** Love takes no pleasure in evil, but rejoices

over the truth. **7** Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always continues strong. **8** Love never ends...

Discussion:

1. This passage is talking about love! Take a paper or share out loud as you read back over the passage and list out - what are all the things that this passage says that love is?
2. Can we do God's work or use God's gifts without love? What does the passage say happens if we do not love?
3. Look at the passage or the list that you made. Ask the Holy Spirit - what is one description of love that sticks out to me? How can I practice it this week with my family, friends, or myself?
4. Ask God to give you strength and help to practice that part of what love is this week! Close with a prayer of thanksgiving.