

Life Group Lesson

Week #5 - Made to Receive

This week, Pastor Ben and Eunice shared about the disciples in Acts 2. When Holy Spirit came, they were ready to receive the supernatural because they were preparing themselves beforehand. Additionally, we see two responses people had to Holy Spirit; curiosity and criticism. Sometimes our thoughts and emotions block our ability to receive from Holy Spirit, and the best way to clear those blocks is to create an open space for Holy Spirit.

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

This week may have brought up a range of emotions in your group. There might be people ready to talk about Atlanta and race, while others may not know where to begin. As Pastor John encouraged us, let's dig into these places, but let's also invite Holy Spirit to continue to fill us.

Last week, we explored how love is at the root of all supernatural gifts, and this week, we want to continue to explore what Holy Spirit has in store for us. We want to create open space for Holy Spirit to be who Holy Spirit is. Are there places where we're already making space for Holy Spirit? Likewise, are there places where we've become too busy to hear Holy Spirit or places where we are critical of Holy Spirit? Try to make space in your life group 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:
- 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:
 - Heart of God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRSC06T4IKs>
 - Holy Spirit - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmJUjUbonxY>

****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 12:4-31 (NIV)

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. **5** There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. **6** There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8** To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, **10** to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **14** Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the

body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. **19** If they were all one part, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" **22** On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, **24** while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, **25** so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **28** And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. **29** Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? **30** Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? **31** Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Open Group Discussion -

1. Why do you think in the middle of passages on spiritual gifts does Paul talk about the church body?
2. What do you think is the most challenging part of seeing our spiritual gifts as part of one body?
3. Are there ways you can curiously approach parts of Holy Spirit that are different from how you have experienced Holy Spirit in the past? What is one practical step you can take?

Looking Forward

As we look forward to this week, take some time to worship and ask God what's His heart for the different gifts and people in the body. We don't want to miss out on the fullness of God which is displayed in the diversity of the body and her gifts.

Play the song "[My Soul Sings](#)" and give your group time to hear from God. You can encourage your group to journal and write down what Holy Spirit is saying or dialogue with Holy Spirit.

Break into smaller groups to share what God might have revealed and take time to pray for one another.

Kids Lesson

We're going to continue to talk about the Holy Spirit and what it means to receive gifts from God in the church body - and in this week's passage, an actual body! Let's read more

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Discussion:

1. Can you imagine your different body parts talking with each other? Take a moment to imagine (or even reenact!) how this story would happen.
2. Think about the different things the body parts have said. What does this mean when it comes to real people in the church? What does this passage say we should do as different body parts of the church? How can we show unity to the rest of our community?
3. Take some time to ask Holy Spirit - what body part am I? What gifts has the Holy Spirit given me? Are there any gifts that I want to ask the Holy Spirit to show me more of?