

**Pentecost Sunday May 20, 2018**

**Sunday Series: *The Holy Spirit-Another Helper***

**Message Summary:** The Holy Spirit blesses believers with spiritual gifts, but sadly, many people are ignorant about them. In this message, we learn why we have spiritual gifts and the reason they are still relevant to us today. We also learn that in order to utilize and develop our spiritual gifts, we must ask the Holy Spirit to fill us.

## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

### 1. Spiritual Gifts – Unity in Diversity

- A. Gifts are given not earned.
- B. Gifts are not the goal; edification is the goal.
- C. Gifts are available to all believers.

### 2. Spiritual Gift vs. Spiritual Fruit

- A. Fruits of the Spirit – Character of Christ (Galatians 5:22,23)
- B. Gifts of the Spirit – Works of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:8-10)
- C. Spirit-filled life maintains both the character and the works of Christ.

### 3. Spiritual Gift of Speaking in Tongues

- A. Personal faith edified (1 Corinthians 14:4; Jude 20)
- B. Prayer life & Praise life enhanced (1 Corinthians 14:2,14,15)
- C. Prayers gain 100% results (Romans 8:26,27; 1 John 5:14,15)

## LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS

**BEGIN IT** (5 min) Time spent praising the Lord and opening prayer.

**OPEN IT** (10min) What is one unique talent or ability you have (whether useful or pointless)?

**EXPLORE IT** (60 min) Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Review Sunday's sermon outline together allowing for individual questions, comments and contributing thoughts.

1. What spiritual gifts have you seen used in your church?
2. What is your spiritual gift?
3. If you do not know what your spiritual gift is, what can you do to find out?
4. How does this study on the Holy Spirit inspire or motivate you?
5. What did God reveal to you in this message?

**APPLY IT** (15 min) How can you use your spiritual gift for the good of the people in your church?