

Wednesday

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 *Varieties of gifts*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you think that any of these gifts are more important or useful than the others?*
2. *What spiritual gifts do you think you have? Do any of them surprise you?*

Prayer Focus *Holy Spirit, you offer so many ways to live as people loved by God. Help us see those gifts and to begin to use them today, even the ones we didn't know we have.*

Thursday

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12 *Unity in Christ*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How might we live today as one body in the one Spirit?*
2. *Why is unity among believers important to you?*

Prayer Focus *Holy God, you gave us Jesus, who lived the life we know, with all its pains and joys, so that we could gather in him and become one body. Help us to look for ways to sustain that body and bring new life to the world, in accord with the Holy Spirit.*

Friday

Read: Acts 2:1-4 *The Holy Spirit comes*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How does the Holy Spirit bring new life to us today?*
2. *How can we encourage one another to use our gifts to their fullest potential?*

Prayer Focus *At Pentecost, Gracious God, we celebrate the coming of the law you gave to our ancestors and we greet with joy and wonder the astonishing gift of the Holy Spirit in Jesus Christ. We re-commit to taking the language of your gifts and speaking it so we show your saving grace for the sake of your beloved world.*

There are Varieties, But the Same Spirit

Pastor's message: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-4

Message Notes:



Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What was the best party you've ever been to?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-4**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

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Monday

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:3b *The power of the Holy Spirit*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you know if you or someone else is led by the Holy Spirit?*
2. *How can we allow the Holy Spirit to speak through us?*

Prayer Focus It amazes us that your Holy Spirit is the source of our speech, the inspiration for when and how we speak. Creator, we thank you for the gift of your guidance and for the legacy of all those who have spoken, and risked so much to bring the Gospel to us.

Tuesday

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Is it important to identify our differences within the body of Christ?*
2. *This passage speaks of gifts, services, and activities that can manifest the Holy Spirit. How do you see your own life and faith in these terms?*

Prayer Focus We are grateful that you have made a way for each of us to have a place in your work, Powerful God, so that we're assured that your plan is carried through. Help us to focus on all those things that connect us and to lift up others to find their Spirit-blessed work, in their own way.