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Prayer Sheet Gifts of the Holy Spirit

In this session we will focus on the gifts of the spirit, starting by listening prayerfully to a song of worship and asking God to pour out His Spirit on us. This will be followed by looking at some scriptures concerning the gifts, followed by prayer, looking to exercise our gift(s) where possible.

Other prayer sheets on the OneStop Prayer Sheet - God in the workplace - LINK Prayer Sheet - King's Church - LINK

Recommended reading on prayer A praying life *by Paul Miller* - <u>BUY NOW</u> Fresh wind, fresh fire *by Jim Cymbala* - <u>BUY NOW</u> Dirty Glory *by Pete Greig* - <u>BUY NOW</u>

Prayer sheet – Gifts of The Spirit

Opening prayers - The leader may like to open in prayer, thanking and glorifying God for giving us His Holy Spirit and for choosing us to be vessels (temples) of His living presence. **ASK for the Holy Spirit** to pour Himself upon our lives and that He will enable us to use more fully the gifts he has given us

Playlist of songs (the group may like to **listen** to this song(s) and prayerfully get ready for the meeting)

^J Holy Spirit you are welcome here

Link to YouTube/Spotify playlists & lyrics/chords

<u>Read these scriptures between you (excepts given below)</u>. Ask the group to be sensitive to any parts of the chapter which may be speaking to them in particular

Luke 11:5-13 (ESV)"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how
much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"1 Corinthians 12 (ESV)
Romans 12:6-8 (ESV)Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed...
Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:..

Debrief - Did any verses 'jump out' to you whilst they were being read? This could be an indication that The Spirit is speaking to you about one or more of the gifts, eg, to step out more in faith using this gift, etc

The **church is built up**, in both numbers and morale, by individuals exercising their spiritual gifts – so it is important that every person is exercising their gift(s) regularly. (*Please encourage and reassure, checking for any who lack confidence in this area. Regarding the church, a body won't get very far if only the arm is prepared to move!* Limbs get stronger the more they are exercised.)

Examples of some of the sorts of gifts we are encouraged to ask for in the bible:

- gifts of knowledge (word of **wisdom**, word of **knowledge**, **distinguishing/discernment** between The Holy/other spirits)
- gifts of speech (tongues, interpretation, prophecy)
- gifts of power (faith, healing, miracles)
- gifts of serving (personal, church, society)

Ask if people have used any of these gifts before and, if so, which ones

Using our gifts to bless and build up the church

Re-read <u>Romans 12:6-8 (ESV)</u>. Use this passage as an intro to the prayer time. Encourage the group to **be alert** to the Holy Spirit as they pray and **not just to dismiss small promptings**, quick impressions, a picture flashing through the mind etc, which **may be The Spirit speaking to us**

Prayer

Pray for each other's gifting worship playlist, if required

- for each other to receive more of their gift(s), more powerfully etc (Don't worry if you need to spend a lot of time on this)
- Personal requests
- Church prayer needs
- Being a people of blessing praying for those outside the church

Debrief - Did anyone step out in their gift for the first time? Does anyone **want to discuss** feelings or promptings they had during the praying? (*some may have stepped out in using their gift for the first time - Be prepared to dig a bit deeper here if needed*)

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Discussion