

## **Group Discussion Guide: Use Your Gifts | January 29, 2023**

### **Open with prayer (5 minutes).**

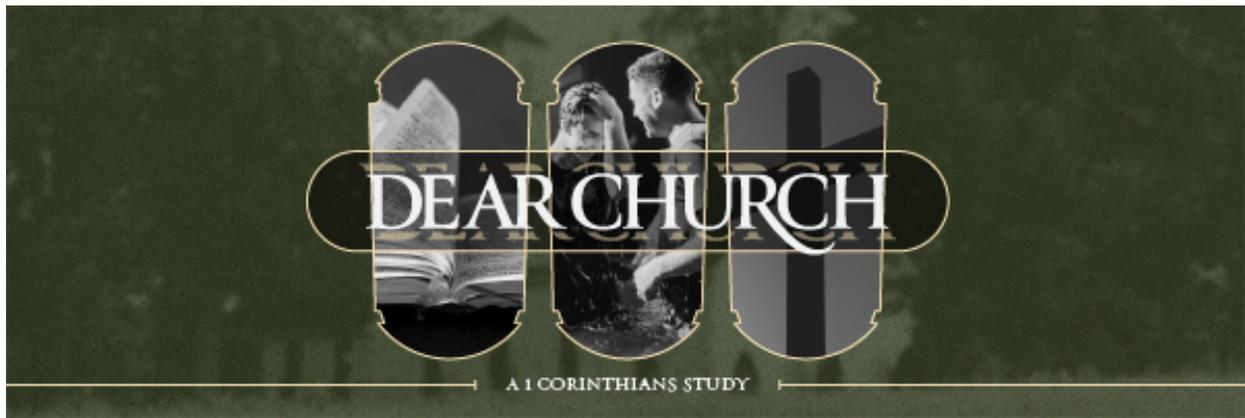
Take a few minutes to acknowledge God's presence as you begin your group time. Ask Him to help your group have a good discussion and to help you internalize the Scriptures.

### **Read Scripture and debrief the sermon (30 minutes).**

- What resonated with you from this sermon? What deepened your faith?
- What challenged you from this message?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 12:1.** Do you feel like the Corinthians on the subject of “gifts of the spirit” (i.e. uninformed)? What sort of information would help you on this subject?
- Have you ever met someone who was “pneumatikon,” who lived life totally in the power of the Holy Spirit? What did that person's life look like? Is that something you aspire to?
- Do you sense any obstacles in your heart towards gifts of the Spirit? What are they? Why do you think they're there?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7.** Where do you see the theme of unity despite diversity in these verses? What is the goal of having a “manifestation of the Spirit” according to verse 7?
- How have you seen gifts of the Spirit contribute to *the opposite* of what Paul's goal is in verse 7?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-10.** What are the gifts of the Spirit Paul lists here?
- What is the gifts (or gifts) that God has given you? If you're not sure, how could you pursue that discovery?
- **Read 2 Timothy 1:6.** What would it look like for you to “fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...?”

### **Break out into smaller groups to pray Scripture together (35 minutes).**

*Take a few minutes to break into smaller groups of 2, 3, or 4 (depending on the size of your group). In each of your smaller groups, take a few minutes to read the first Scripture below. When you finish reading, have each person pray to God asking for Him to do what the Scripture passage details. You'll want about 5 minutes per passage to read and pray through it. Repeat this process with each next passage until finished.*



### **The Promise of the Spirit**

Read and pray through Acts 1:4.

### **The Gift of the Spirit**

Read and pray through Luke 11:13 and John 20:21-22.

### **Our New Identity through the Spirit**

Read and pray through Romans 8:14.

### **Our Abundant Life in the Spirit**

Read and pray through John 7:37 and Romans 15:13.

### **Our Personal Transformation by the Spirit**

Read and pray through Galatians 5:16-25.

### **Our Ministry in the Power of the Spirit**

Read and pray through John 14:25-26 and Zechariah 4:6.

### **The Life Creating Movement of the Spirit**

Read and pray through Genesis 1:1-2.

### **Re-gather as a large group and finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).**

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.