

## Gifts Given

# Small Group Questions

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*The following questions are intended to start conversations. Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.*

*Our preaching series this spring is Gifts of the Spirit. Questions will be provided each week to help you think about these stories BEFORE you listen to the sermon. It is our hope that this will encourage your own study and prepare you for the upcoming sermon.*

- Read **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**. What stands out in this text?
- How can churches distinguish between a genuine movement of the Spirit and emotional hype, manipulation, or even false teaching?
- Some Christians argue that miraculous gifts like tongues, healing, and prophecy ceased after the apostles, while others believe they continue today. Based on this text, which view seems stronger, and why?
- Paul emphasizes that “there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.” (v. 4) How does this reflect the Trinity?
- Spiritual gifts are given for the common good (v. 7). What does this reveal about how spiritual gifts are used in the church? Why does this matter?
- In practice, churches often treat some gifts as more important than others. Which gifts tend to receive the most attention in churches today? Which ones are overlooked? What does that reveal about what churches actually value?
- If spiritual gifts are evidence of the Spirit’s work, how should Christians respond when morally compromised leaders appear to exercise powerful gifts or influence? Can someone be spiritually gifted and spiritually unhealthy at the same time?
- What is the difference between spiritual gifts and human abilities? Are they the same thing? Does the Spirit give both?
- If every believer has been given something by the Spirit for the good of others, what is lost when Christians remain disconnected or uninvolved in the life of the church?