

Sermon Title: Gifted-When the Spirit Shows Up (The Manifestation Gifts)

Sermon Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11



## **Sermon Discussion Guide (9/28)**

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

### **Scripture**

Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

### **Observation**

According to these verses, why are the manifestation gifts given?

How do you see the manifestation gifts working to make the presence of the Holy Spirit visible in the life of the Church?

How are the manifestation gifts distributed? Why do you think the manifestation gifts are distributed in this specific way?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. How do these verses provide guidelines for how the manifestation gifts of 1 Corinthians 12 should be used? Practically, what would it look like for the manifestation gifts to be used with a posture of love? What would it look like for the manifestation gifts to be used in a way that does not reflect the love of 1 Corinthians 13?

## **Application**

In your faith journey, have you more often seen the manifestation gifts under-emphasized or over-emphasized? How might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to take a more centered approach to the manifestation gifts?

The manifestation gifts should be grounded in Scripture, guided by love, guarded by order, and given for others. How do these four guidelines give you confidence in embracing the manifestation gifts? Which of these four guidelines is most challenging for you to live out?

Creating space for God to work powerfully among us involves both expectation and humility. Do you expect God's Spirit to move in powerful ways through you? Why or why not?

Pastor Matt concluded his sermon by asking us, "Are you living in such a way that if the Spirit wanted to move through you today, you would be ready?" How would you answer this question? What is one step of obedience God is calling you to take this week to become more ready for the Holy Spirit to work within you?

## **Prayer**

Lord, we confess that at times we have been fearful or skeptical of the ways Your Spirit moves. At other times, we have sought power to build up our own image. Forgive us for when we have overemphasized or underemphasized the work of Your Spirit, for when we have let pride or fear keep us from walking in step with You. Holy Spirit, we ask You to move among us in fresh ways. Teach us to listen for Your voice, to respond in obedience, and to use the gifts You entrust to us for the common good. Do within us more than we could ever ask or imagine so that Your name may be lifted high, both now and forevermore. Amen.