

Sermon Title: Gifted: Fan Into Flame

Sermon Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:6-7, 1 Peter 4:10-11



Sermon Discussion Guide (10/12)

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 2 Timothy 1:6-7 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

What can we learn about spiritual gifts from Paul instructing Timothy to “fan into flame” the gift he had already been given through the laying of hands?

In verse 7, what does the Spirit of God give to us? What does the Spirit not give to us?

Now read 2 Timothy 1:8. In this verse, what does Paul instruct Timothy to do? What does this verse reveal to us about what might happen as we use our spiritual gifts? Should we see suffering as an indicator that we are doing something wrong? Why or why not?

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. What does it mean to steward the gifts we have been given? What do the examples in verse 11 teach us about faithfully using our gifts?

Application

Our spiritual gifts grow cold when they are neglected or underused. In your life, what tempts you to neglect or underutilize your spiritual gifts? Is it busyness, distractions, or something else?

Through the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to use our spiritual gifts. How have you experienced fear keeping you from stepping out in faith and using or experimenting with your spiritual gifts? How does knowing that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit encourage you to use your spiritual gifts even during moments of doubt or fear?

Our spiritual gifts are for the good of others and for the glory of the Giver. What is the difference between using your spiritual gifts in a way that says, “look how gifted I am,” and “look how good God is”? What are some tangible ways that you can use your gifts in a way that points others to God’s grace and not your abilities?

Pastor Kenny closed the sermon with four ways to fan the flame: Spark the fire (receive Jesus as Lord and Savior), Fuel the flame (abide in Jesus), Stoke the fire (testing out your gifts and serving in different areas), Spread the fire (disciple and lead others in using their spiritual gifts). Out of these four steps, which one is God calling you to more fully embrace? What is one practical step of obedience you will take this week to fan into flame the gifts God has given you?

Prayer

We thank You for calling us to salvation and to participation in Your mission of redeeming and restoring the world. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, who equips and empowers us for this work. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have allowed fear or complacency to smother the flame You have sparked in our hearts. Today, we ask that You would rekindle the fire. Fan the flame of the gifts You have given us. Make us able to serve with boldness, speak with love, and live with the power that comes from Your Spirit. We offer ourselves again to You, to be used and sent by You so that in all things, Your name may be praised. Amen.