

# Sermon Guide

## **Pentecost: The Corporate Ministry Of The Holy Spirit**

This last Sunday Alex read from 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, teaching us about how the fullness of God's glory is best witnessed in the Church, through the corporate ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The church gathers so that each of us would be spurred on to live in the fullness of the presence of God.

We have been designed to experience His manifest presence and to be a reflection to those around us. Prioritizing a life in step with the Spirit will actually give you something to give away to the people of God.

The gifts of the Spirit are what we give away to people. It is the way that Christ uses each of us to build His home inside us. This is for the common good of the Church, not for our individual advantages or identity. That we would open space for God to pour out His healing love on His people.

### **Go Deeper.**

Our desire is that every person would be empowered to have a deep and intimate relationship with God. We want people to not just hear a word on a Sunday, but get activated in whatever the Holy Spirit is doing throughout the week. The guide is a tool for you to dive deeper into what God is doing in you and through you as an ambassador of the Kingdom.

You can work through these activations and questions on your own or in a group setting. If you are doing them in a group, take turns leading. After each activation, take time to pray into whatever the Holy Spirit is speaking. It is also encouraged to have a journal and Bible with you.

For each activation focus will be key. We become like what we give our attention to, and one of the best ways to worship is to focus. Often we will ask that you close your eyes, if this helps you focus, then great, if it's something else that helps you focus, then do that.

Before each activation, take a moment to be still before the Lord. These are not exercises to rush through or items on a to-do list to check off. They are invitations to commune with God and to go deeper. Turn your attention toward Him and invite Him into this time.

## Discussion

- What have you believed that the church is for?
- How do you get filled up before coming to our gatherings? Do you see the gathering as a space to give away what the Holy Spirit has been doing in you throughout the week?
- Do you desire the gifts of the Spirit? Have you been offended by the way that the Spirit chooses to manifest in the Church?

## Activation #1

We gather to spur each other on toward the fullness of God. To partner with the Holy Spirit in building the home of Christ in all of us. This requires us to live in step with the Spirit, that we would gather together full of Him, ready to give away the gifts that He has given us.

Take some time to let the Lord examine your heart. Ask Him to reveal to you where you have not been living in step with Him.

Pray this prayer, “Jesus, I want to live completely in step with your Spirit. Grow my capacity to receive your love, that I would be a vessel of your glory to those around me. Give me something to give away Spirit.”

Ask Holy Spirit, “How have you gifted me to be a blessing to Your church?”

Once you feel like you hear something, ask Holy Spirit to show you how He is growing that gift in you. What is your next step in using that gift to bless God and Church?

Conclude your time by thanking God for how He has chosen to gift you, and pray that He would give you opportunities to use your gift.

# Ways to Pray

- That we would see people in our town come to know Jesus!
- That our people would be hungry for fresh outpourings of His Presence and for the fruits of the Spirit.
- That we would agree with what God says about us and therefore walk in authority and power.
- That we would see our family use the gifts of the Spirit, that we would be blessed by the overflow of peoples individual time with God.
- That there would be an increase in bridal love for Jesus that leads to unprecedented consecration and holiness in the Church.