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Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Oct 28-29, 2023

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Understanding the Gifts of the Spirit

(1 Corinthians 12:1-7)

Alan Kraft, Lead Pastor

Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together 1 Corinthians 12:1-7.

> What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?
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> What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

Pastor Alan mentioned he longs to be a Word and Spirit church – where equal emphasis is placed on both the teaching of the Word and the activity of the Holy Spirit.

> If your past has included time spent in different churches, where have these churches placed their priority and how has this impacted you in your faith walk?

If you've ever found yourself in the past or even in the present feeling like the Holy Spirit isn't active in you, share a little bit about why you feel this way.

> Or have you longed to feel a greater presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? If yes, share a little bit about this longing.

Using verses 4-7, Pastor Alan offers the following description for spiritual gifts – "A spiritual gift is a special ability given by the Holy Spirit and energized by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of serving other people and demonstrating that the Spirit is alive."

> If there is anything in the above description that offers a new aspect for you in your understanding of what spiritual gifts are, what is it and what is the impact of this understanding?
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> Pastor Alan cautions us to not be too limited/narrow in defining what spiritual gifts are based off of Paul's description.
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> > What are some potential downsides to limiting the definition of spiritual gifts too much?

If you have ever experienced pressure to exhibit certain spiritual gifts (either by outside sources or even yourself), how has this pressure impacted you?

Paul states that every follower of Jesus is given gifts of the Spirit (vs. 11).

> How aware are you of gifts you've been given by the Spirit?
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> How closely have you looked to see what unique gifts you've been equipped with?
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> How does it make you feel to know that each of us as followers of Christ have been given unique gifts?
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> > If you find yourself questioning this reality, share why you think this is.
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> What spiritual gifts have you been given and how are you using them?
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> > If our spiritual gifts are given to us but intended for others, how are your gifts blessing those around you?
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> > If you long to use them more fully, what could this look like?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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