

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Passage: Romans 12:3-6

Introduction: John preached a two-views sermon on spiritual gifts, covering cessationism and continuationism. John emphasized the importance of unity and charity regarding the miraculous sign gifts and whether or not those are for use in the church today. The sign gifts are a tertiary doctrine at Redeemer, meaning there is a variety of views represented among the elders/pastors. The goal of every elder/pastor at Redeemer is for every person who calls Redeemer Church home to be actively using their spiritual gifts.

Additional passages: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Ephesians 4:7-11; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 1:11-12; Ephesians 4:15-16.

If you want to read more about either of these views, here is an article about each:

- [Cessationist](#) view
- [Continuationist](#) view

Questions:

1. John noted that the Holy Spirit is given upon conversion (Rom 8:9-11, Titus 3:5). This means every believer has the Holy Spirit living inside them. What encouragement does this offer you specific to the use of spiritual gifts?
2. Read Ephesians 4:15-16. John noted that no single believer by themselves is the complete package of maturity in Christ: we need one another. Do you have this view of the role of the body of Christ in your life? How about your contribution in others' lives?
3. John's third point was that God gave spiritual gifts to empower the church—God designed spiritual gifts to edify and strengthen others (See Romans 1:11-12). John's analogy was a battery pack recharging: we recharge others with the use of our gifts and God recharges us when we use them. How have you experienced these dual recharging realities in your life?
4. A potential unintended consequence of the cessationist view is de-emphasis of the role of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life. A potential unintended consequence of the continuationist view is a de-emphasis of the importance of God's Word. Why is it important to value both the work of the Spirit and God's Word in the life of a believer and local church?
5. John's final point was that the use of spiritual gifts at Redeemer is shepherded by the elders/pastors. Why is it important for there to be order in how spiritual gifts are used in the church?