



# This Week

Churchwide
<b>Worship Services</b> Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
<b>Bible Fellowships</b> Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM
Small Groups
<b>Community Groups</b> Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in various homes
Adult Studies
<b>The Book of Matthew</b> Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Dining Room
<b>The Book of Acts</b> Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room
<b>Quest</b> Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Conference Room
Men
<b>Samson Society</b> Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library
<b>Friday Morning Study</b> Friday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Tejas Room

Women
<b>Engage</b> Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209
<b>Respectfully Yours</b> Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or
<b>Breath</b> Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208
<b>MOMs Book Study</b> Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in Room 208
College & Career
<b>Late Night</b> Tuesday, 7:00–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.
Senior High
<b>Senior High Youth</b> Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.
<b>Faith Mission</b> Friday, 7:00–8:30 PM meet at the G.Y.M.
Junior High
<b>Junior High Youth</b> Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.
<b>Man Tracker</b> Friday, 6:00–8:30 PM

5th & 6th Grade
<b>Hangout Night</b> Sunday, 5:30–8:00 PM in the Loft
<b>Breakaway</b> Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft
Children
<b>Kids Quest</b> Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 PM in the Children's Area
Senior Adults
<b>Tuesday Afternoon Study</b> Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in Room 111

# This Morning

- Lesson 21: The Corinthian Conundrum: Untangling the Affairs of a Dysfunctional Church—**  
*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*  
Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor
- I.   **The knowledge of spiritual gifts:** The apostle wanted his readers to have an in-depth understanding of spiritual gifts—*1 Corinthians 12:1*.
- II.   **The power behind spiritual gifts:** Paul drew on his readers’ past experience with idolatry to explain the distinction between personal involvement with fallen spirits and the Holy Spirit—*1 Corinthians 12:2-3*.
- A.**   Although their presence is unstated in the passage, demons dominate their victims and cause them to bow before lifeless idols—*1 Corinthians 12:2*.
- B.**   The Holy Spirit empowers believers to openly testify that Jesus Christ is the Lord (cp. John 16:14; 1 Corinthians 14:26-32)—*1 Corinthians 12:3*.
- III.   **The administration of spiritual gifts:** The Triune Godhead is directly involved in the administration of spiritual gifts—*1 Corinthians 12:4-6*.
- A.**   The Holy Spirit sovereignly chooses which spiritual gifts to bestow on each believer—*1 Corinthians 12:4*.
- B.**   The Lord Jesus Christ personally leads us where and how we are to use our spiritual gifts—*1 Corinthians 12:5*
- C.**   God the Father determines the results from the use of our spiritual gifts (cp. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7)—*1 Corinthians 12:6*.
- IV.   **The purpose of spiritual gifts:** Spiritual gifts are given to every believer to build up and mature the other members of the Body of Christ—*1 Corinthians 12:7*.
- V.    **The diversity of spiritual gifts:** The apostle Paul provided an illustrative, but not exhaustive, list of spiritual gifts to demonstrate their diversity within the Body of Christ—*1 Corinthians 12:8-10*.
- VI.   **The rationale of spiritual gifts:** The Holy Spirit sovereignly distributes specific spiritual gifts to specific people in order to accomplish His own spiritual results—*1 Corinthians 12:11*.

# Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

1. In upcoming messages, we will take a more in-depth look at the spiritual gifts. But for now, how well do you feel you know spiritual gifts? How confident are you in assessing your own?
2. Have you ever seen other churches seem to elevate or celebrate a certain gift over others? What did that look like? How would that kind of attitude hinder the church?
3. Have you ever been on a team or in a situation where you had to work with others toward a common goal in which your strengths were part of a greater purpose? What strengths were you able to see in those around you that you may not have possessed yourself? How do you see that principle apply in the context of spiritual gifts and the church?
4. How well do you know your weaknesses, or the spiritual gifts that God chose not to give you? What do your weaknesses tell you about yourself in relation to God? In relation to others?
5. What are some opportunities in the church that you see yourself being able to use the gifts God gave you?
6. What are some ministry opportunities for which you are specifically not gifted, or that you are unable to do? How does recognizing those areas of ministry help you appreciate people who are gifted in different ways from yourself?

## Definitions of Spiritual Gifts

**Word of wisdom:** the God-given ability to declare His will in a particular situation prior to the completion of the Bible (ex. Acts 6:1–7).

**Word of knowledge:** the God-given ability to provide a specific piece of information crucial for the functioning of the Body of Christ (ex. Acts 5:1–4).

**Faith:** the God-given ability to tenaciously depend upon Him to successfully accomplish His plan in spite of the circumstances (ex. Acts 27:21–26).

**Healing:** the God-given ability to physically heal every type of disease and sickness (ex. Acts 3:1–10).

**Effecting of miracles:** the God-given ability to perform supernatural works designed to authenticate God’s messenger and message (ex. Acts 13:11–12).

**Prophecy:** the God-given ability to receive direct and authoritative revelation from Him and present it to others (ex. Acts 11:27–28).

**Discerning of spirits:** the God-given ability to know the source of a spiritual utterance (ex. Acts 16:16–17).

**Kinds of tongues:** the God-given ability to communicate revelation from Him in a human language unknown to the speaker (ex. Acts 2:5–12).

**Interpretation of tongues:** the God-given ability to translate what was spoken in an unknown human language through glossolalia for the benefit of the immediate audience (ex. 1 Corinthians 14:26–28).