## Welcome

We're glad you've joined us this morning! Feel free to check things out and determine whether we might be a good match for you. We're here to help at your invitation — you set the pace.

If you'd like to explore other options after the service, or if you have questions, please pick up the *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit or speak with a member of our Welcome Team in the hall.

When you're ready for the next step, we'd encourage you to check out a Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings) or join a Community Group (Sunday nights). Both are great ways to connect with others as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

## **Notes**


## **Information**



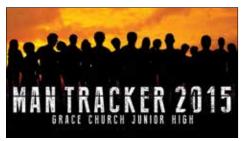
Ladies, many of our fall studies are beginning this week! See inside for details on when and where they meet. Please be sure to sign up online or in the Main Hall if you plan to join us.



Moms, this annual event is a great chance to spend some time with your little guy (through the 4th grade). Come play games, eat county fair food, and create memories. Cost is \$10.



Guys, join us for a free hot breakfast (or choose a lighter option) as we hear from Reggie Coe and Dr. Barry Prestridge about their trip to India. Sign up online or in the Main Hall if you'll be there!



Let the games begin! Our Junior High students will search the surrounding area for clues as their targets try to make it back to the G.Y.M. without being caught. Friday night at 6:00 PM.

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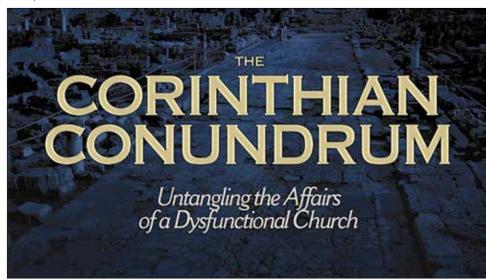
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This morning we resume our study of the book of 1 Corinthians, which began in January and ran through May. If you'd like to catch up on previous lessons, listen online at gracechurch.com/podcast

# **Updates and Family Matters**

### **Community Outreach: Fall Festival at Faith Refuge**

This semester, we will again partner with Faith Refuge to provide a time of Fall fun and games for the children and women they serve. If you are interested in providing candy, operating a game booth, or just spending time with these wonderful people, stop by our table in the Main Hall this morning. Contact Jerry Cedrone at 940-767-5109 for more information.

#### Israel Trip: June 3-13, 2016

You are invited to join us for a tour of "the Holy Land" as we study and experience the region that helped shape the early church. The cost of \$4,075 includes airfare, ground travel, accommodations, and two meals per day. A payment plan is available after your initial deposit.

### **Asian Christian Academy Trip**

Please pray for our team as they work in India this week. Watch for occasional updates online as they share their stories of how God is at work in the region.

### **Family Matters**

Please pray for Elaine and Ed Bond as they grieve the loss of his mother.

## This Week

### Churchwide

### **Worship Services**

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

#### **Bible Fellowships**

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

### **Small Groups**

#### Community Groups

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in various homes

### **Adult Studies**

### The Book of Matthew

Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Dining Room

#### The Book of Acts

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room

#### Quest

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Conference Room

### Men

### **Samson Society**

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

### **Friday Morning Study**

Friday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Tejas Room

### Women

### **Engage**

Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209

### **Respectfully Yours**

Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 AM or

#### Breath

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208

### **MOMs Book Study**

Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in Room 208

### College & Career

### **Late Night**

Tuesday, 7:00–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

### **Senior High**

#### **Senior High Youth**

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

#### **Faith Mission**

Friday, 7:00–8:30 PM meet at the G.Y.M.

### Junior High

### **Junior High Youth**

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

### **Man Tracker**

Friday, 6:00-8:30 PM

### 5th & 6th Grade

### **Hangout Night**

Sunday, 5:30-8:00 PM in the Loft

#### Breakaway

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

### <u>Child</u>ren

#### **Kids Quest**

Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 PM in the Children's Area

### **Senior Adults**

### **Tuesday Afternoon Study**

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.

### **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).

## 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.

- 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?