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Series: Week 6
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“The Essential Practice of Creativity”

Key Passages: Luke 9:10-17; 1 Cor. 12:1-13:7; 1 Peter 4:10-11

Creativity Defined: Uniquely expressing our **Spirit-empowered giftings** to bring about **inspiration, provocation, form, and flourishing**.

1. CREATIVITY BEGINS WITH GOD

- Our God is a Creative God-Gen. 1; Gen. 1:31
 - Humans=God’s creative masterpieces to whom He gave creative agency-Gen. 1:27-28; 2:15,19-20
 - GOD EXTENDS **HIS INVITATION TO US TO CREATE AND BE CREATIVE** JUST LIKE HIM!
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2. CREATIVITY EXEMPLIFIED IN CHRIST

1. **JESUS WAS EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT**-Luke 3:21-22; 4:14,18-19; Matt. 12:28; Acts 10:38
 - **Empowered by the Spirit defined:** To receive God’s divine power through the Holy Spirit to accomplish what God has purposed us to do so we can live like and proclaim Jesus.
 2. **JESUS INSPIRED THROUGH HIS WORDS & ACTIONS**-Luke 9:10-11
 - Creative teaching devices: parables, asking good questions that led to the truth, and illustrations-John 9:1-7; 11:1-44; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 10:25-37; 15:11-32; John 13:1-20
 3. **JESUS PROVOKED OTHERS TO RETHINK THEIR ASSUMPTIONS** -Luke 9:12-13
 - Other stories Jesus challenged His hearers: Matthew 22:15-22; 23:25-28; Mark 11:15-17; John 6:47-60; John 8:1-11
 4. **JESUS BROUGHT FORM THROUGH STRUCTURE & ORGANIZATION**- Luke 9:14
 5. **JESUS BROUGHT ABOUT FLOURISHING**-Luke 9:15-17
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3. CREATIVITY LIVED OUT IN US

- **Spiritual Gifts defined:** Abilities that the Holy Spirit gives to believers to use to build up the church and share the message of salvation with the world.
- The gifts are given by the Holy Spirit & meant to be used for the benefit of others with motivation rooted in the love of God- 1 Cor. 12-13:7
- God has given every believer gifts for the purpose of serving others and glorifying Him through Christ-1 Peter 4:10-11
- **Main Point: God has given you GIFTS, so use them to CREATIVELY SERVE EACH OTHER WELL for the GLORY OF GOD!**
- “The most significant gifts in the church’s life in every era are ordinarily natural abilities sanctified.”
- J. I. Packer

Next Steps to Practicing Creativity:

- 1. Reflect on the creativity of God in creation & His work in your life.
- 2. Reflect on what Christ did for us on the cross and in His resurrection.
- 3. Think about & ask God to help you understand what your gifts are.
- 4. List them out (list them below).
- 5. Find someone to serve.
- 6. Share Christ with them.
- 7. Embrace God’s delight!

Luke 9:10-17

10 When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida. 11 But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him. He welcomed them and taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who were sick. 12 Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, “Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place.” 13 But Jesus said, “You feed them.” “But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. “Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?” 14 For there were about 5,000 men there. Jesus replied, “Tell them to sit down in groups of about fifty each.” 15 So the people all sat down. 16 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. 17 They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers!

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.