

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of March 6th, 2016



Key Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 12:1–11 (ESV)

¹ 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.

Discussion questions from this week’s sermon

We are each born with talents and also hone skills throughout our lives. **Are spiritual gifts a natural empowering of those or are they supernaturally added to us after conversion?**

The language scripture uses for these abilities is “gifts.” **Why is that important?**

“If they are ‘gifts’ I shouldn’t pursue them!” **How do you reconcile the passive nature of the description “gifts” with what is said in 1 Corinthians 12:31?**

The writer of 1 Corinthians 12:7 states something that every believer has. **What is it and what is it for? Is the mission of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8 witness of Christ) the same as the mission purpose of the spiritual gifts?**

The three main passages describing the spiritual gifts are Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, and 1 Corinthians 12:28. **Read through & list gifts you can see. Which inspire you the most?**

As a group discuss:

How do I know what spiritual gifts God has given me?

Stepping out often can reveal a gift & lasting fruit follows

How can we practically grow in them?

How do you pursue a gift that you don’t have? Should you?

It can be possible to idolise the spiritual gifts of others. **How does 1 Corinthians 12:12-28 speak to this?**

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. **Why does Paul impress this foundation of love after talking about the gifts? What happens if we disconnect love from God’s intention for the gifts?**