



Key References:

Romans 8:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 (ESV)

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.

1 Peter 4:8–10 (ESV)

⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Romans 12:10–13 (ESV)

¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NIV)

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

1 – Our own growth

We may have come out of the last year in several ways. We may have been fruitful or stagnant; celebrating or disappointed. **What have been the spiritual highs and lows of 2018? How has community helped?**

Read Romans 8:16-17. **Throughout 2018 did you feel secure in your standing as a child and fellow-heir with Jesus? How does insecurity in this area limit spiritual growth? How can we root ourselves in the truth in these verses?**

We all have Spiritual Gifts given to us by God. **Have you seen growth in any of them in particular recently? Gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11,28 and Romans 12:6-8.**

2 – Our own growth

What does 1 Peter 4:8-10 reveal about the purpose of God giving us Spiritual Gifts? What does this reveal about why God puts us in community?

Read Romans 12:10-13. **How do we “outdo one another in showing honour”? What is an example?**

Taking Romans 12:10-13, how can you make it a roadmap for how to live in and conduct ourselves in 2019?

Read on to verses 14-19. **What stands out to you on how we can grow individually and as a community?**

3 – David Hagger with us this week

Why do you think 1 Corinthians 14:1 highlights prophecy in the way it does? Read verses 2-5 for explanation.

What questions about prophecy are you hoping will be answered at the Prophetic Worship sessions with David Hagger on Friday and Saturday?