

HOLY SPIRIT



SHEPHERDCHURCH

LESSON 3:

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT I

WELCOME

Have you ever been given a gift that you weren't sure how to use? If so, what was it and what happened?

WORSHIP

Read **Psalm 139:23–24** together, then spend a few minutes in silent prayer asking the Holy Spirit to reveal how He wants to use each person this week.

*****Below are seven discussion questions/prompts. There's no pressure to cover every question. As a Life Group, feel free to choose the questions/prompts that you want to cover and use the rest for personal reflection and deeper study during the week. If you haven't already, watch the video lesson on Shepherd Church's [Life Groups webpage](#).**

WORD

Read **1 Corinthians 12:4–11**.

1. According to 1 Corinthians 12:4–7 and Ephesians 4:11–13, what are spiritual gifts and what is their purpose?

2. Look at the gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:4–11 and list examples of how God can use each gift for Jesus.

3. What does 1 Corinthians 12:4–11 teach us about the Holy Spirit’s character and work through Christians? And why does it matter that every gift comes from the same Spirit?

4. As you read 1 Corinthians 12:7–11, where are you tempted to seek recognition for yourself instead of looking for ways to use your gifts to serve others and point them to Jesus?

5. Which spiritual gifts do you believe that you’ve been given? How do you use those gifts, or how can you begin to use those gifts? If you aren’t sure which spiritual gifts you’ve been given, go to shepherdchurch.com/myassessments to find out! You will need to set up a profile if you don’t have one already (it’s free to set up a profile).

WITNESS

As a Life Group, go to shepherdchurch.com/go and choose an outreach project to participate in sometime in the next few weeks. Make sure everyone in your Life Group has the details.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

This section is designed to help you keep growing in your faith throughout the week by reflecting on what you discussed in your Life Group and studying passages/concepts related to the lesson. As you spend time with these prompts, ask God to speak to you, apply His Word to your life, and help you take your next step with Jesus. Go at your own pace, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time with Him.

- Review anything in the WORD section that either was not covered during your Life Group or that you want to take a deeper dive into.
- Memorize **1 Corinthians 12:7** or **1 Corinthians 12:6–7**.
- This week, pray each morning, “Holy Spirit, use me today,” and keep a journal of opportunities God gives you to encourage someone or point them to Jesus through your words or actions. Reflect on **1 Corinthians 12:4–11** at the end of the week.
- Do a Deeper Study!
Read **1 Corinthians 12:4–11** and spend some time silently reflecting on the verses. Then, write out your answers to the following questions. Be as detailed as you can or want in your answers. The more detailed you are, the more you will get out of this study.
 - o Are there sins to avoid?
 - o Are there promises made?
 - o Are there attitudes to adjust and/or affirm?
 - o Are there challenges to accept?
 - o Are there examples to follow or not to follow?
 - o Is there an encouragement to adopt or extend to others?
 - o Is there anything to praise God for?