

# THE BODY

HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT BUILDS HIS CHURCH

SESSION 4

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SOURCE OF GIFTS

*The Spirit equips His church by gifting members with a variety of gifts.*

### BECOMING LIKE JESUS

Jesus is the model for how God wants us to live in humble, reliant trust on the presence of the Holy Spirit. His miraculous acts were through the power of the Holy Spirit. And Jesus promised that same Holy Spirit to his disciples, to supernaturally equip them for ministry.

#### Matthew 12:28

*But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

#### John 14:16-20

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.*

#### Acts 1:4-5

*“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”*

**From these passages,** what can we learn about how the Holy Spirit was central to the work of Jesus, and the work he has for his followers today?

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**SCRIPTURE**

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11** | What is Paul saying in these verses? Before you answer, try rewriting these verses in your own words. It's a clunky practice, but will help you better understand the passage.

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**YOUR LIFE**

Describe your comfort and confidence level when it comes to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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When you think about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, what images or experiences have shaped your view?

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Where have you seen evidence of the Holy Spirit downloading spiritual gifts into you and others?

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**YOUR IDENTITY**

How does your false identity (old self) resist seeking gifts from the Holy Spirit and using the gifts?

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**HOME & WORK**

How do you see your spiritual gifts strengthening the body of Christ and serving the world?

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What do you need from the Holy Spirit right now? Stop for a moment and ask Him, “*Spirit, what do I need from you right now?*” and write the first thing that comes to mind. If nothing comes to mind, just sit quietly. Do this a couple of times, each time asking the Lord to help you hear whatever He may have to say.

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If you think it’s just your own thoughts, that’s okay, just ask the Lord if those were His thoughts or yours. God rarely shouts in our ear. He does shout from the pages of the Bible, and as we study the Scriptures and practice listening for God, we can increase our ability to recognize his specific messages for us; including promptings, direction, encouragements, corrections, and much more. So set your timer for 5 minutes to ask Him questions, write down your thoughts, and pray to grow in discerning God’s voice.

**SERMON NOTES**

*Lord, what do You have for me in this sermon?*

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*What question will I bring to the group from this sermon?*

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**PRAYER LITURGY**

**Lead**            *Come, Holy Spirit, and send out from heaven the ray of your light.*

**Group**           *Come, Holy Spirit*

**Lead**            *Come, father of the poor; come, giver of gifts; come, light of hearts.*

**Group**           *Come, Holy Spirit*

**Lead**            *Best comforter, sweet guest of the soul, sweet refreshment.*

**Group**           *Come, Holy Spirit*

**Lead**            *Rest in labor, coolness in heat, comfort in weeping.*

**All**              *O most blessed light, fill the innermost heart of your faithful...*