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Holy Spirit Week 4
Main Text

1 Corinthians 12:1-18

Discussion Questions:

Belong:

Ice Breaker: What is something you are exceptionally good at that we might not know? Or to frame it another way, What is your “hidden” talent?

Leader’s Note to Share with your group:

We’re in a new series on the Holy Spirit called FORGOTTEN GOD. In many faith circles, the Holy Spirit doesn’t get much attention. At least in the world I grew up in, that was the case. And even if the Holy Spirit got attention in your faith background, He is often misunderstood and confusing for us to understand.

But knowing the Holy Spirit, living with the Holy Spirit, is the KEY to living a full life in God. This is about how to walk with God every day.

These teachings will focus on WHO the Holy Spirit is and His role in our lives. Here is the outline for the last few weeks:

- Week 1: Series overview (4/12/26)
- Week 2: The Holy Spirit's power in transformation (4/19/26)
- Week 3: Spiritual Warfare (going to be interesting! Angels and demons) (4/26/26)
- Week 4: The Holy Spirit empowering us to live on mission and with purpose (5/3/26)

We're in Week four of the Forgotten God teaching series, as we're learning more about the Holy Spirit. Today is going to be both encouraging and eye-opening. Today's teaching is about living on purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Believe:

Read - 1 Corinthians 12:1-18. Look closely at verses 1- 4. What is a spiritual gift according to the passage? Why is Paul addressing this topic with them specifically? What has been true of them in the past, and why would this potentially complicate matters? Why is it important that they have a clear understanding about the spiritual gifts?

In verses 5-7, how does Paul say you "get" spiritual gifts? Why are they given? (Look at verse 7). What does it look like when a spiritual gift is used for the "common good" or to benefit others? Who does this indicate your gift is actually for?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3: In what way are our gifts to be used and given above all? Why does this matter in the church? What does it sound like if a gift is not exercised with love?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-11: What are the different gifts Paul lists here? Can you briefly explain each one?

Note: Overview of Gifts Listed in Text for Reference

- **Speaking Gifts** – Teaching, prophecy
- **People Gifts** – Encouragement, hospitality, mercy, shepherding
- **Service Gifts** – Administration, giving, helps
- **Support Gifts** – Faith, discernment, healing, wisdom, etc.

"Now here's where this gets really important. A lot of us, when we hear "spiritual gifts," we immediately think of the big, visible, dramatic moments...preaching, miracles, something that feels...HOLY. But if that's all we see, we've actually missed the point. Because the presence of the Holy Spirit in you means this: every moment has the

potential to be holy. Not just the platform. Not just the miracle. But the conversation. Kindness. The way you serve. It's the way you see people." Pastor Jarian Felton

With this in mind, what are spiritual gifts designed to do in the body?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-18. What sometimes gets in the way of us using our spiritual gifts the way God intends? Has comparison prevented you from using your spiritual gifts? Why is this unhealthy for the Body of Christ?

Become: Where do you start?

There are 3 practical ways we can discover our gifts and begin to use them for the common good of First Orlando:

1. **Get around people**
2. **Start serving**
3. **Point people to Jesus**

Briefly discuss these 3 ways to discover gifts and what they look like and why they matter.

Note: As a group leader, it would be helpful for you to share about a serving experience you have had and how it helped you discover your Spiritual Gift. Or ask someone in the group who you know is actively serving, to share their story

Which of these 3 steps do you need to do next? Is there an area at First Orlando that you have thought, "I would love to serve" in that ministry, and just haven't taken the initiative to find out more? If you aren't sure, we would love to help you find your place.

Closing:

- Our Connect experience is a great place to start to discover your gifts. Text "CONNECT" to 40777 to find out more, or attend Connect at 11:30 today in the Backstage.
- This is the final week of the Holy Spirit Series. Each week has been impactful. Encourage your group to go back and listen to the messages from the previous weeks or look over their notes. You can find the messages on our First Orlando App.
- Don't forget Beach Baptism is today at Cocoa Beach! For more information go to firstorlando.com/events
- Pray together as a group, sharing needs, burdens, and requests.