

Power of the Holy Spirit #6: "Many Gifts, One Spirit" May 18 & 19, 2024

Acts 2:1-4

Opener:

When you think of Pentecost, what comes to mind? Imagine being a witness to this amazing miracle. What would you think was happening when you heard all these languages being spoken? What emotions would you be feeling?

Go Deeper:

- 1. Pentecost changed from being a day of obligatory Temple worship to a day when an unexpected gift of the Holy Spirit was bestowed on the disciples. Do you tend to look at church attendance as a day of obligation or as an opportunity to listen to the Holy Spirit?
- 2. In your mind what moves something from being an obligation to an opportunity?
- 3. Can you think of a time when you felt obligated to help out your neighbor, but it then turned into an opportunity to be a blessing?
- 4. Spiritual gifts are special abilities, talents, or capacities given to individual Christians by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of serving God and others. These gifts are not natural talents or skills but supernatural endowments provided by God's grace.
 - a. Spiritual gifts are often mistaken for opportunities for envy or boasting. What damage can happen to the body of Christ when boasting or envy occurs?
 - b. Which spiritual gifts do you most admire in others? (1 Corin. 12:7-11)
 - c. Why do you admire these gifts?

Live It:

- 1. Which spiritual gift(s) do you think you have?
- 2. What are some ways that you could use your spiritual gifts for building up the body of Christ?



GOD TIME:

Daily Bible Readings (May 19-25)

Many Gifts, One Spirit Sun: 1 Corin. 12:1-13 Mon: 1 Corin. 12:14-26 One Body Many Members

You Are The Body of Christ Tues: 1 Corin. 12:27-31

Wed: Ephesians 1:15-23 Thanksgiving for Faith

Thurs: Ephesians 2:1-10 Saved By Grace Fri: Ephesians 2:11-22 Made One in Christ Ephesians 6:10-17 The Armor of God Sat:

^{*}The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.

