



Holy **Spirit**

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026

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THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ICEBREAKER

NAME A TIME WHERE YOU EXPECTED TO GET A CERTAIN GIFT AND IT WASN'T WHAT YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD BE... HOW DID YOU REACT?



I. GOD GIVES GOOD LEADERSHIP GIFTS TO US!

(Read Ephesians 4:11-15)

- Ephesians 4 teaches that God gives leaders to the church to equip believers for ministry. How has a leader in one of these roles helped you step into the work of ministry?
- How have you seen these leadership gifts edify the body?

II. GOD PUTS MINISTRY GIFTS IN HIS CHURCH!

(Read Romans 12:3-8)

- Considering your walk with Jesus, have you ever experienced being more of a consumer than a contributor to the body? If so, what challenged you to change?
- Sometimes we underestimate our gifts because they seem ordinary or don't involve being on a stage. What are some ways God can use gifts like encouragement, generosity, serving, or showing mercy to make an eternal difference?
- Sometimes the gifts God has given us seem too big for us to carry. How has that caused you to hesitate in using your gifts?

III. GOD DESIRES AND DESIGNS THE GIFTS IN EACH OF US!

(Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

- Consider the variety of gifts Paul lists here. How did this section of Scripture help bring clarity to your understanding of the gifts of the Spirit?
- How does understanding that spiritual gifts come from God, rather than our own abilities, shape how we walk in them?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

Romans 8:16 reminds us that we are God's children. Our Father cares deeply for us, and He has bestowed gifts upon us. We should not sit on these gifts, but allow the Spirit of God to stir us into action.

The Holy Spirit works in us for our good, transforming us into the image of Christ. He equips us to serve according to His will and build up the body of Christ!

Ephesians 4:14 reminds us of the importance of spiritual maturity:

"So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes."

God continues to give good gifts according to His purpose. We don't need every gift, but can depend on the Holy Spirit to empower us to use what He's given us to build up His church.



ASK

1 Corinthians 12:11 reads:

"All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills."

So ask yourself, "What gifts am I sitting on?"

(Romans 12:4-8)



CHALLENGE

Desire. Develop. Deploy... but above all else, LOVE.

After seeking the Lord in prayer this week, ask God what gift He is calling you to walk in during this season. As He brings clarity, write it down. Then, be intentional about discussing it with someone you trust in the faith who can help hold you accountable as you search the Scriptures and learn more about the gift God has placed on your heart.

PRAYER

Use these prompts to help guide your prayer:

- Lord, reveal Your gifts to me
- Help me develop in the gifts You've given me
- Use me to walk in the gifts You've blessed me with during this season
- Help me love You more than the gifts You have given me!