

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**  
**LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**  
**1 CORINTHIANS | SPIRIT EMPOWERED**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11**

**Getting to Know Each Other Better**

1. What is the most unexpected piece of advice you ever received?

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Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

2. Ryan made the point that “The Holy Spirit is not a power to wield, but a person to be revealed.” (verse 7)
  - Do you think the evangelical church in the west has tended to focus more on “a power to wield” or on “a person to be revealed”? Why?
  - When it comes to Christians and their relationship with God the Holy Spirit, how does a desire to “wield a power” look different from a desire to “reveal a person”?
    - What types of postures and attitudes does each seem to require?
    - Why would God be more interested in “reveal” than “wield”?
3. The point was made in the message that the church has tended to take this passage and make it about a list of spiritual gifts that a believer has or doesn't have rather than make it about what Paul intended, which was to teach on nine of the ways the Spirit of God manifests Himself in the church for the good of other believers.
  - What might it mean for you to consider that you have been given a gift - the gift of the Holy Spirit - and that He wants to work through you for the good of others?
  - What might it mean for you to consider that your spiritual gifts might not actually be found in the New Testament lists of gifts?
  - What might it mean for you to consider that the Holy Spirit wants to manifest Himself through you in many different ways, and not just through those main gifts you believe you have?
4. Having said all that we have said, do you sense that one or more of the primary ways the Spirit manifests Himself through you is located in one of these nine areas? If so, which one(s)?

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5. What is one way you can apply this passage to your life this week?