



Grace Group Guide



United Purpose: Together we will designate time and place to deepening our desire for God, caring for and urging each other to action!

United Actions: WL Groups...

- Scripture:** Be in the Word together
- Encouragement:** One another each other
- Prayer:** With and for each other and the lost
- Accountability:** Now What? Put it into action!



-ICEBREAKER-

- As a child, how did you react to receiving a gift?
- How do you react when you receive a gift *now*? Is it any different?

Transition: Last week, Pastor Kip discussed the importance of sanctification, pointing out that the Holy Spirit's primary goal is to make us holy. This week, Pastor Bruce looks at the *gifts* of the Holy Spirit and describes how they should be viewed and used within the Church.

-DISCUSSION-

Read 1 Corinthians 14

Leader Note: *If the group has any questions you can't answer, please write them down and share them with Tim Boucher at tboucher@wlgrace.com. These questions might not be addressed during a Sunday morning sermon, but we want to be aware of these questions so that we can address them if possible.*

- According to this passage, what is the *purpose* of the gifts of the Holy Spirit?
 - Upbuilding, encouragement, and consolation. (vv. 3)
 - To build up ourselves. (vv. 4)
 - To build up the church. (vv. 4-5)
 - It should bring revelation, knowledge, prophecy, or teaching. (vv. 6)
 - Strive to excel in the building up of the church. (vv. 12)
 - To learn and to be encouraged. (vv. 31)
- According to this passage, how should we *practice* the gifts of the Holy Spirit?
 - Pursuing love and earnestly seeking the gifts. (vv. 1)
 - Pray with my spirit and mind. (vv. 15)
 - Do not be children in your thinking. (vv. 20)
 - Speaking in turn and with someone to interpret. (vv. 27-31)
 - Clearly, without confusion. (vv. 33)
 - Earnestly seeking the gifts. (vv. 39)
 - Decently and in order. (vv. 40)

-REFLECTION-

- Why is there a significant emphasis on the gifts of the Spirit in the New Testament? Why are they important? (*think of what you read in 1 Cor. 14, but feel free to reference other passages also!*)
 - Possible answers:
 - To encourage and build up the Church (1 Cor. 14:5, 12, 31)
 - To reach unbelievers with the gospel (the mission of the Church) (1 Cor. 14: 24-25)
 - **KEY:** To bring God glory (read 1 Peter 4:10-11)
- Does your view of the spiritual gifts align with what is laid out in Scripture? If not, why?
- Are you practicing the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given you? Do you know what your gifts are?

-APPLICATION-

- Read 1 Corinthians 12-14 in full. These are all key chapters that deal with the gifts of the Spirit.
- Take some time this week to pray that God would show you how He has gifted you and give you an earnest desire to use those gifts to uplift the church and glorify God.
- If you do not know what your spiritual gifts are, then we would also encourage you to volunteer and participate here at WL.
 - **Leader Note:** If anyone commits to this and wants to serve, send them this link to fill out so we know too: <https://www.wlgrace.com/serving-opportunities-our-ministries>

-PRAY-

- Lord, thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit and blessing the Church with gifts in order that you may be glorified through us. We pray that we would recognize where we might lack in faith or practice of these gifts so that we would do what your Word commands.
- Lord, would you help remind us that we have your Holy Spirit who equips us with everything necessary for the building up and encouragement of the Church for the glory of God.