

## LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 1 WEEK 5

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### UNLIMITED POWER – BIG GOD

#### The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



#### **Ice-Breaker**

Share your most recent experience of witnessing one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in operation.

#### **Worship**

See worship booklet.

#### **Word and Discussion**

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 lists nine supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit:

- a word of wisdom;
- a word of knowledge;
- faith;
- gifts of healings;
- workings of miracles (literally, powers);
- prophecy;
- discernings of spirits;
- kinds of tongues; and
- interpretation of tongues.

Derek Prince teaches that these gifts are referred to as 'manifestations', because the Holy Spirit – while being invisible – uses the gifts to manifest Himself. As a result, our senses are impacted 'for the profit of all' (1 Corinthians 12:6).

By using these gifts, believers can minister to one another in a 'supernatural' way. This means that these supernatural gifts are not the result of natural ability. Prince explains that these are gifts by God's grace. They are received by faith and can never be earned. 'We can never be "good enough" to exercise them,' he says.

## Discussion

As a group, share around some of the following questions:

- If we believe these gifts are for today, why do some of us not operate in them?
- Are you open to experience the gifts today/tonight?
- Which gift do you want to experience?
- What does the Word require of you to receive this gift?
- Are you prepared to exercise faith now and have a supernatural encounter with the Holy Spirit?

## **Conclusion**

Once we receive one of these gifts, we are free to use it, misuse it or not use it at all. Ultimately, however, God will require an account of what we have done – or not done. Always bear in mind that Jesus said people will be recognized by their *fruit*, not by their *gifts*.

## **Prayer Focus**

- Ask the Father, in Jesus' Name, for His Spirit to manifest His supernatural power through the gifts.
- Enter into a time of worship, pray in tongues collectively, wait in silence for a few minutes and then:
  - Ask someone to pray in tongues individually and wait on the Lord for an interpretation.
  - Ask the Lord for a word of wisdom (directive) and/or a word of knowledge (informative, insightful) for someone in the group.
  - Pray for supernatural healing.
  - Pray for encouragement for one another and allow for the gift of prophesy to flow.