

LIGHTHOUSE GROUP CURRICULUM

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

LEADER'S STUDY

The gifts of the Holy Spirit:

The Holy Spirit gives gifts to every believer so that we can serve one another and bring glory to God. These gifts look very different, and they are specific to each person, yet they come from the same spirit living in us. These gifts belong to the Holy Spirit and He gives them to us as He desires. These gifts are given to help us serve God's purpose for us. His purpose for us is made clear through scripture. That we would love God, obey Him and depend on Him, that we would love one another and share the good news of the gospel with the world and make disciples. This is what the holy Spirit gives us gifts for. Remember the Holy Spirit is given to us to help us follow Jesus and accomplish His purposes. Take some time and read all of 1 Cor 12 and meditate on what God is saying. Spend some time in prayer and ask the holy Spirit to reveal to you the gift he has given you. Maybe God has given you the gift of encouragement...How are you using or going to use that gift to accomplish God's purposes? What are the opportunities that God has place in front of you to use His gifts?

As you prepare for this week ask yourself questions like this. How has the Holy Spirit gifted me? How am I using His gifts? What does scripture say about my purpose? What gifts can I identify in those around me? How does it seem that God has gifted the people in my small group? What are some preconceived ideas that I have about spiritual gifts? Are these shaping my thinking or is scripture shaping it? How is God revealing Himself and his character through this scripture? How is God changing my thinking? Be willing to share areas that He is calling you to "follow Him" and make clear "I" statements about how you are going to align with Him.

Some helpful scripture: Ephesians 4, Romans 12, 1 Peter 4
What other places in scripture speak this same truth?

How is God calling you to think and to live differently? How does this change your perspective today? How is God calling you to respond based on this scripture? Spend some time reading this whole chapter and meditating on it as you prepare for your meeting. Be willing to share this with your group and invite them to join you in sharing how God is asking them to respond to His word.

PREPARING BEFORE GROUP

PURPOSE: Life transformation through the Holy Spirit. He uses scripture and prayer to renew our minds and transform our lives!

PRAY: Pray for the people in your groups by name. Spend time asking the Holy Spirit to help you lead well as you meditate on key passages and seek to know God's heart.

PLAN: It is not too early to start looking for new leaders within your group. We will be holding a new leader training this summer for groups to launch in the fall. As you identify potential leaders, encourage them to come to that training and start talking about what it would look like to launch a new group. You might even consider coming with them to help them take that next step.

Consider taking some time to break into small groups for prayer. This is a way for people to feel more comfortable sharing personal needs and praying specifically for one another.

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INTENTIONAL BIBLE READING

READ 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Read in the ESV or similar word-for-word translation.

Read it again in the NLT to get a thought-for-thought perspective.

(With larger portions of scripture like this, it's good for multiple people to read it aloud. Especially online, this helps people get used to using their voice)

Try to summarize the passage in your own words.

POTENTIAL STUDY QUESTIONS

These are just questions you might ask to help your group discussion. Don't feel like you need to answer all of these as a group

What is significant, surprising or confusing from these verses?

What seems to be the main point of these verses?

How does this portion of scripture point to Jesus and the gospel?

What did you discover or learn about God and His character from this passage?

Look at one or two key words and define them really clearly, then look at them in context with that definition. Does this change your understanding?

Why did God bring me to this scripture today?

What parts of this passage are challenging to your current way of thinking?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How are you going to obey this passage?

What is your "I will" statement?
(Encourage everyone to steer clear of "we" or "us" or "Christians" statements)

With whom are you going to share what you have learned?
(This is a critical part of growth that is often overlooked. If we can share it with someone else it means we really understand it, it cements it in our own minds, it makes us accountable to the truth and it blesses the one who hears the it. Rom 10:17)

Based on this passage, what can we pray about and how should we pray?