

SPIRIT FILLED

Part 3: Gifts of the Spirit | Discussion Notes

This week we wrap up our Spirit Filled series looking at the gifts of the Spirit, in particular healing and prophecy. You might want to focus most of your meeting on practising this using an activity you might have heard called 'hot seating', or sharing words of knowledge and prophecies for one person at a time. To do this well:

1. Get one person into the middle of a circle (or just nominate a person, if on Zoom). It's best to start with someone who feels comfortable with this and has done it before.
2. Set out some ground rules that Matt shared on Sunday: 1) it shouldn't be something the Bible would disagree with and 2) it should be for the person's "strengthening, encouraging and comfort" (1 Corinthians 14:3).
3. Set a timer of 3 or 4 minutes and open with a prayer of thanks for that person and ask God to speak to you all.
4. Then just share pictures, words or pieces of encouragement that come to mind.
5. Wrap up with a prayer for that person. You may want to ask if any of it particularly stood out or resonated. You might also want someone to make a note of what was shared so that each person has a record of the words shared.

You may also want to do a more standard Hub discussion. If so, start by reading 2 Corinthians 12:4-12 and John 14:12-14.

- What stands out about these passages?
- What does Corinthians teach us about the gifts of the Spirit?
- How does the passage in John challenge you?

Paul lists some of the different gifts of the Spirit in Corinthians: wisdom, words of knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, distinguishing spirits, speaking in tongues and interpreting tongues.

- From this list, which gifts of the Spirit have you experienced using in the past?
- Which would you like to grow in?
- Are there any that you don't understand?

Matt explained that prophecy can help us to be convinced by the Holy Spirit and his power, grow acquainted with him and can nurture our faith.

- Have you had experience of either giving or receiving prophecies? How did it help you and your faith?
- How could we as a Hub help each other grow in prophecy and make giving prophetic words a common part of our Hub life?