

## Saturday

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Read 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3 and 14:1.

1. What Christian virtue do these verses stress?
2. Which is more important: love or spiritual gifts?
3. How does the Bible's teaching on spiritual gifts show us our need for the local church?
4. Some churches and entire denominations have split over the existence and practice of spiritual gifts. Why is that a tragic thing to happen? How can we avoid this at FBC?
5. What gifts do we need the Spirit to manifest at FBC right now? In what ways do we need to be built up? In what ways is our common good being hurt right now, and what gifts would help?
6. Set aside daily time this coming week to pray to God about these matters.

## Life Together: Spiritual Fellowship in the Church Fellowship of Spiritual Gifts Study Guide

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### Monday

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Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-3.

1. What goes through your mind when you hear people say they are "spiritual but not religious"?
2. What do you think they mean when they say this?
3. Why might some people think "spiritual" is a better thing to be than "religious"?
4. According to 1 Corinthians 12:1-3, who are the truly spiritual people?
5. What does it mean to say "Jesus is Lord"?

### Tuesday

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The Christian life is a deeply Trinitarian life, each Person in the Godhead plays an active part in our lives.

1. Read Ephesians 1. What parts do Father, Son, and Holy Spirit play in the salvation of sinners?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. What parts do the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit play in creating the church?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6. What parts do Father, Son, and Holy Spirit play in spiritual gifts?

## Wednesday

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1. According to verse 7, what are spiritual gifts?
2. The word “spiritual gift” comes from the Greek word *charisma* or *charismata*. It means “grace-gift.” Why are spiritual gifts a work of grace?
3. If a spiritual gift comes from grace, what attitude should we have when thinking about our gifts or someone else’s gift?
4. What else does 1 Cor. 12:11 tell us about spiritual gifts? How does this verse help us understand why some gifts may be present at times and others not?
5. Consider the table of gifts listed below. No two lists are alike. Some gifts are listed in one passage but not another. Some gifts appear in more than one passage but in a different order. What does this suggest about the list of spiritual gifts in the New Testament?

New Testament Lists of Spiritual Gifts

1 Cor. 12:8-11	1 Cor. 12:28	Rom. 12:6-8	Eph. 4:11	1 Peter 4:11
word of wisdom	apostles	prophecy	apostles	speaking
word of knowledge	prophets	service	prophets	service
faith	teachers	teaching	evangelists	
gifts of healing	workers of miracles	exhortation	pastors	
working of miracles	helps	giving	teachers	
prophecy	administration	leadership		
distinguishing of spirits	kinds of tongues	showing mercy		
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## Thursday

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Read 1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:12-13; and 1 Peter 4:10-11.

1. According to these passages, what are the purposes of spiritual gifts?
2. In your opinion, which of these purposes are most important? Why?
3. Which purpose do you think most needs to be fulfilled in FBC? Why?
4. Based on these passages of Scripture, what do spiritual gifts have to do with spiritual fellowship in the church?

## Friday

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Read Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Peter 4:10-11. Both of these passages stress the importance of using our spiritual gifts.

1. With what attitudes are we to use our various gifts?
2. What is the ultimate goal for using our gifts?
3. What happens to a church when people do not actively use their gifts?
4. Are you using your gifts with faith, joyfully, and diligently? Or, are you “burying” your gift?
5. Perhaps you don’t know what your spiritual gift(s) is. In your small group or with other members of the church, consider the following statement: “*Think of that thing you do really well that others really appreciate but you think is really easy. That is your spiritual gift.*” Ask your brothers/sisters what they think might be your spiritual gift.
6. Personal application: Rise each morning and ask the Lord to show you a way you can strengthen, build up, and help mature the body of Christ that day. Pray this with earnestness and zeal. Watch what the Lord begins to do in and through you. Pray for service opportunities, serve wherever there is need, and discern together with the rest of the body how the Lord appears to use you effectively in the body.