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1 Corinthians 12:7-11

1. God gives us gifts for the common good
2. There are many gifts but all are given by the Holy Spirit
3. The Spirit determines who gets what gift
4. Could you recognise that God has given you gifts?
5. Will you choose to discover your gift and set out to develop it? One way of finding out if you are spiritually gifted is by trying out a gift in your life. Can you test if you have a gift of teaching by giving this Bible study to a friend you know well?

DISCOVERING THE BIBLE

LESSON 9 THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father..”

John 14:9

1. A major reason Jesus came to earth was to let us know what God is like. We can see that Jesus is like God the Father
2. Is it harder to know God because we can’t see Jesus?

“You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me..”

John 5:39

1. Jesus is saying that one way of getting to know about Jesus and His character is through reading the Bible
2. Which part of the Scriptures testify about Jesus?

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever”

John 14:15,16

1. Love and obedience go together
2. Jesus is described as a 'Counsellor'
3. God will give another counsellor who will tell us about God
4. Does this mean that Jesus is with us even now?

"When He (the Counsellor) comes he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement"

John 16:8

1. The Counsellor has a specific task
2. The Counsellor convicts people of their sin
3. Do you recognise that this is Jesus at work in you—convicting you of your sin?
4. Is it good to feel guilt? What if that guilt helps us develop a relationship with God?

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Galatians 5:22

1. God gives fruit through the Holy Spirit to Christians
2. This is part of being made into a new creation

"This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit..."

1 Corinthians 2:13

1. The Holy Spirit teaches Christians directly
2. How could the Holy Spirit be teaching you—or how could He be at work in you?

"...do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

Matthew 10:20

1. In difficult circumstances the Holy Spirit will speak directly through and to you
2. Has this ever happened to you?

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:8-10

1. God gives us works to do
2. From what you know would God provide the tools to do His works?
3. Could you ever see God using you to do God's work?

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in tongues and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of the one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he deter-