



Preparation Plan

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Big Idea

Unity in church life with Holy Spirit gifting requires consistent preparation.

Outline

Christ Church prepares for unity if I...

1. Engage the historical Holy Spirit concern (1).
2. Embrace the personal Holy Spirit context (1-2).
3. Elevate the universal Holy Spirit conclusion (3).

Reflect

- How are you using your spiritual gifts to contribute to the building up of the body?
- When addressing controversial issues, which of the “rules of engagement” do you need to be most careful to follow? (“Rules of engagement” from the sermon: (1) More humble, less harsh; (2) More deference, less defensive; (3) More clarity, less confusion; (4) More listening, less lobbying.)
- How does your understanding of and relationship with the Holy Spirit need to grow?
- How does your affirmation that “Jesus is Lord” need to inform and affect the way you’re living this week?

Pray

- Thank the Holy Spirit for leading you to Christ as Lord.
- Pray for humility and for a mind that thinks “with sober judgment” (Romans 12:3).
- Ask God to show you what you don’t know and teach you what you need to learn as we embark on these next three chapters in 1 Corinthians.
- Pray for a greater readiness and eagerness to use your Spirit-given gifts to build up the body of Christ.

Discuss

- Without looking at your Bible, what do you know or not know about what’s to come in chapters 12-14?
- How does it make you feel to know that you, in your power alone, are unable to affect lasting, spiritual change in yourself and in others? How does it make you feel to know that you have the Holy Spirit who helps and empowers you to be spiritually transformed and to help others toward the same?
- How should our study of 1 Corinthians up to this point inform the way that we engage with the controversial issues found in the chapters to come?
- What are potential dangers of being “uninformed” about spiritual gifts?
- If your experience of “the Holy Spirit” leads you away from exalting Jesus as Lord, it’s not an experience of the one true Spirit of God. Why is this the case? How does John 16:14 relate to this question?
- Why is it so important that we be characterized by humility as we make our way through this study of the Holy Spirit’s gifting?