



COMMUNITY Leader's Guide | October 26th, 2026

CONNECTION

When it comes to giving gifts, do you find it easy and enjoyable or not so much? Why?

OPENING PRAYER

Invite someone to open your time together in prayer.

SCRIPTURE

Read I Corinthians 12:7 - 11

CONVERSATIONS

1. Read **I Corinthians 12:8 - 10** and list out the various "power gifts" listed in this section.
 - a. On a scale of 1 - 10, how would you rate your knowledge and / or experience with these particular gifts of the Spirit? (1 being very little and 10 significant knowledge and / or experience) [Don't worry if you are not too familiar with all of these – we will talk about almost all of them in the next few weeks]
2. Read **I Corinthians 12:7**. The Holy Spirit gives the gifts that are listed in vv. 8 - 10 (as well as all of the gifts listed in the New Testament) for "the common good."
 - a. How do or could these power gifts contribute to the "common good" of a church? (see Acts 8:4 - 8 for an example from the New Testament)
 - b. When have you personally witnessed or heard a credible, verified example of one of the power gifts (or any spiritual gift) being used appropriately and powerfully "for the common good" in a way that pointed clearly to Jesus?
3. Unfortunately these gifts can also be misused and even abused.
 - a. Do you think that the power gifts are more susceptible to being misused or abused than the other gifts or do you think that all of the gifts could be misused or abused just as easily? Why or why not?

4. When it comes to these gifts individuals or churches can swing to one of two extremes. Some are tempted to be like Simon the Sorcerer (seeking the gifts for personal glory/power) and others more like Nicodemus (valuing knowledge and caution over humbly risking experiencing the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives).
 - a. Which of these two temptations do you think is a greater danger for our church? Why?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 12:12 - 27** (or summarize if you have limited time) Paul warns about thinking that our gift is more important than others. But he also warns us not to think that our gift – whatever it is – is not that necessary.
 - a. What might cause someone to think that their gift is more important than other gifts?
 - b. What causes someone to think that their gift is not really that necessary in the church?
6. Read **1 Corinthians 12:4 - 6** Paul emphasizes that we need all of the gifts and that all of them come from the Holy Spirit.
 - a. What are the obstacles and barriers that we need to be aware of in order to have a rich, meaningful discussion of the power gifts and how they might operate among us as a church for the sake of the gospel?
 - b. What are the guardrails that we need to maintain to ensure that these gifts are practiced in the way that they are intended by the Holy Spirit?
7. Read **1 Corinthians 12:12 - 13**
 - a. The Corinthian church was made up of Jews and Gentiles, slave and free. How could these differences bring pressures on the church Corinth?
 - b. How would their unity in Christ bring strength in diversity?
 - c. How does maintaining unity within a wide diversity of spiritual gifts enrich our church and strengthen us to fulfill the mission that Jesus has given us?

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PRACTICES (Choose one that would help you grow!)

1. **Practice** | The challenge for us is to remain both deeply rooted in the Word of God but also willing to become like a child again, humble yourself and risk allowing the Spirit to move... What is one specific, small risk you feel the Holy Spirit might be prompting you to take—either in being more open to receiving a gift, or in stepping out to use a gift you suspect you already have—and what is your biggest barrier to taking that step?
 2. **Forgiveness** | If you have been wounded by someone misusing the gifts of the Holy Spirit for their own benefit or glory, consider offering them forgiveness and then ask God to make you cautiously open to more work of the gifts of the Spirit in your life.
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RIDGE REMINDERS

"IN JOY" Women's Gathering

 **Friday, November 14 | 6:30–8:30pm**

 **Tickets: \$10**

Join us for an evening of joy, connection, treats, fun, worship, and an inspiring message as we prepare our hearts to truly celebrate the joy of Jesus this Christmas season.

 Tickets available online or in the lobby at the Giving Station.

KIDS Night Out

 **Friday, Nov 21st | 5:30–7:30pm**

 *Ridge Church Lower Auditorium*

Join us for a meaningful evening of worship and prayer as we gather to encounter the presence of God together.

DISCOVER RIDGE

 **Sunday, Nov 9th | After service**

 *Ridge Church Lower Auditorium*

An afternoon to enjoy lunch and discover who we are as a church.

 Register online to save your spot.

♥ RIDGE SERVING OPPORTUNITY:

- **Ridge Kids** is growing as fast as the kids are and looking for folks to show Jesus to the next generation! Please reach out to Miss Laureen laureen@ridgechurch.ca
 - **Ridge Hospitality Crew** is in need of more hands and hearts to serve at our Sunday Socials! Please reach out to Dayna dayna@ridgechurch.ca
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🙏 SHARED COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Invite members to share praises and requests. Encourage prayer for one another, and if possible, follow up from last week to celebrate answered prayer!