

WEEKLY GUIDE

JUNE 20, 2021

1 ATTEND!

SUNDAYS
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

2 TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

3 DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

4 PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

BIBLE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 12 and 13; Luke 2:52; Romans 12:1-8;
Ephesians 4:11-16

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

LUKE 2:52

52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature (maturity), and in favor (grace) with God and man.

ROMANS 12:4-6

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them.

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DISCUSSION:

Start by reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Does God want you to be ignorant or uninformed regarding the gifts of the Spirit? What does this say about the importance and use of the various gifts of the Spirit?

What does verse 2 mean when it says that God is not a mute or silent idol? What is the opposite of a dead or silent idol? How does this encourage you?

What is meant by the manifestation of the Spirit? Does God limit Himself in the ways in which He interacts with us? What does this say about God? What are the three basic categories of these interactions and manifestations (see verses 4-6)?

What boundaries does Scripture establish regarding the work of the Spirit? Read verse 12:3 and 13:1-13 for more insight. Why are boundaries important when it comes to spiritual things? How can this help give you confidence to use the gifts God has given you?

APPLICATION:

What impacted you the most from this lesson? What were your big takeaways? What will you apply to your life? How will you put what you learned into practice in your life this week?

SUMMARY:

God is not a silent or mute idol. His Spirit is active and dynamic and He desires to interact in real and diverse ways with His children. We should desire this, but be reminded that every manifestation of these interactions will be consistent with who Jesus is in Scripture. All gifts, ministry, and work of the Spirit will recognize Jesus as Lord, and will not speak or act contrary to the revealed person and nature of Jesus Christ. Love is a priority when using the gifts of the Spirit. Commit yourself to discovering and confidently using your God-given gifts and abilities to serve God and others in a way that points to Jesus in the power of the Spirit.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

