

September 17, 2023

Empowered: Introduction

Scripture: Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1;4-11, 1 Corinthians 12:28-30, 1 Peter 4:10-11, Ephesians 4:10-11

Big Idea: You have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to make the glory of God visible through your spiritual gifts.

The Challenge: We often find our spiritual walk less than what it could be; we know that something is off. One of the reasons could be that you have not discovered how God has gifted you through the Holy Spirit. Once we discover these gifts, we are empowered to serve, build, and make known the goodness and glory of God.

Pastoral Prayer for this Message:

Through this series, KAC would become fully alive and empowered to see and display the glory of God to each other and our city. We need every person operating in the fullness of the Spirit, which means discovering and employing the gifts given.

Questions for Discussion:

3 Questions:

- Where are they found?
 - Take each Scripture (above) and have one person read out each one.
 - What gifts listed brought up questions or interest?
- What are they? Romans 12:4
 - A spiritual gift is a visible expression of God's grace through the Holy Spirit to you.
 - As you think about a particular gift, how does this gift make God's grace visible?
- Who gives them?
 - How do you feel about the Holy Spirit?
 - What does it look like for a person to be filled with the Spirit? What evidence do we see?

3 Reasons:

- To Build the Church – 1 Corinthians 4:4-7; 1 Corinthians 14:12
 - How do the gifts, when put together, help build the church?
 - How would KAC change if everyone who attended knew and operated in their gifts?
- To witness to the world – 1 Corinthians 14:23-25
 - The gifts are for the building of the church, but do not stop there. How have you seen God use your unique wiring and spiritual gifts with your sphere of influence outside of the church?
- To glorify God – 1 Peter 4:10-11
 - The resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and the giving of the Spirit announces a new reign of Jesus over all of creation. The Spirit is the one who gives us gifts. Thus, whenever a spiritual gift is given and employed, it demonstrates the resurrected and victorious Jesus. How does this deep insight change the way you see your gift?

Application:

1. Have you discovered your spiritual gifts? Take an inventory test: kac.ca/giftstest
2. Can you attend one of our Empower Nights this Fall where you can discover your gifts, connect with others who have your gifts, and learn how to use them in our church?