

**November 25, 2023**

**Empowered:  
The Gifts and our Future**

**Scripture:** Romans 12:3-5, 1 Corinthians 12:7, Ephesians 4:11-13, 1 Peter 4:11

**Big Idea:** KAC's vision is to see the power of the Holy Spirit released to empower Kingdom-minded, equipped, and passionate people for the sake of our church, city, and world.

**The Challenge:** We need to move forward in humility and unity, seeking the common good and lifting of each other instead of the pride and self-inflation that can come with these discussions around the Holy Spirit and the spiritual gifts.

**Pastoral Prayer for this Message:**

- We would commit to being a church where Jesus abides as we are humble, passionate, and engaged.

**Questions for Discussion:**

**1. Seeking the low place – Romans 12:3-5**

- How does grace eliminate entitlement? What's the connection between grace and humility?
- Why does Paul start his discussion on the spiritual gifts with comments about humility and appropriate self-estimation?
- What are some markers of a person who is growing in humility?

**2. Pursuing the Common Good - 1 Corinthians 12:7**

- How does Paul's teaching about the gifts being "for the common good" collide with our modern individualistic culture?
- What happens if we deploy our gifts with an internal focus on self-expression, rather than a sincere desire to serve Jesus and others?
- What are your thoughts about the third service KAC is launching in the ministry centre at 9am on Sunday mornings? Is this a place where you feel like God is asking you to use your gifts?

**3. Catching the Vision – Ephesians 4:11-13**

- How does the beauty of a unified church, while being radically diverse in its members, model to the world the goodness and truth of Jesus Christ?
- In what ways are you "in the game" instead of "in the stands" at KAC? What would it take for you to move from the stands into the game?

**4. Placing the fame where its due – 1 Peter 4:11**

- In what ways are you actively trying to bring glory (attention, spotlight) to Jesus Christ?
  - Words? Deeds? Life? Parenting? Giving? Work?

**Application:** What next steps could you take as a Life Group or as individuals?

1. Empowered Night – December 11
2. Fill out the serve form – [kac.ca/serve](http://kac.ca/serve) for Christmas Eve at Sun peaks or Third Service in the ministry centre?
3. Pray for our church now, and every day at 3:20 (mirroring the verse in Ephesians 3:20)